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President's Message

Happy New Year everyone and hoping in 2021 we will be able to meet in person again.

That being said, there are really good programs planned for 2021. If we didn't have Zoom, we wouldn't have a couple of our speakers, so that is a good thing to say about 2020. Zoom allows us to attend a meeting no matter what the weather may be outside and those who are living in the area. At our regular Society meeting, we will be hearing about One Room Schools and Genealogy Plus, we will be learning about Ancestry and DNA. We will try a Help Session this month. Mary Lohr will be sharing with us a little about Google Books and then we will attempt to help break thru those brick walls or answer other questions.

Remember that if you are not a member of SCGS, you need to register for the Society meeting on January 11 and the Help Session on January 27. For Genealogy Plus, you need to register thru the Library. Our website - Story Genes.com tells you how to register.

Stay safe.

Nancy

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes

Sorry but the last meeting minutes were for November and they were published in the shortened December newsletter. Also, we didn't have a meeting in December either. Look for January meeting minutes in the February newsletter.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

I publish this Notice every winter and as of December 30th, it may apply.

If the Ames Public Schools have cancelled school due to inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.) then the Story County Genealogical Society meeting for that same day will be cancelled.

Remember the days before phishing when the only thing you had to look out for about your cellphone was chain texts? In case you don't, here's the breakdown. Someone would invent a preposterous scenario to convince others to forward a message to people.

Living Long

A cowboy told his grandson the secret to a long life. He said, "You gotta sprinkle a little gunpowder on your oatmeal, see. If you do, you'll live to a nice ripe old age." So, the cowboy continued to do this religiously every day, and sure enough, lived to the nice ripe old age of 96. When he died, he life behind 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren…and a 16-foot hold in the wall of the crematorium.

Free Virtual Conference

The annual *RootsTech* conference hosted by FamilySearch will be entirely virtual and totally FREE this coming year. *RootsTech Connect* will be held 25 – 27 February, 2021. Registration is currently open at **www.RootsTech.org**.

While you wait for the end of February to come, check out the free video archive on their website to see past keynote speakers and selected class presentations. You'll hear some amazing stories and learn a lot from experts in a variety of genealogy related areas.

--Annette Anderegg

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the past, attendees had to travel and pay food and lodging to attendees the event. This year it will be hosted FREE and virtual to all of those who register in time. Please register.

SCGS Officers for 2021

Left to right: Dick Cooper, Newsletter Editor; Nancy Long, President; Pete Peterson, Treasurer; Malvina Lutz, Librarian; Lyle Hammes, VP-Programming; Mary Lohr, Web Manager; Paul Martsching, Historian; Annette Anderegg, Secretary; Donna Kallem, VP-Membership; Rhonda Graham, Publicity.

Thank you to all members who have stepped-up to help SCGS continue to be a great organization. As stated before, SCGS can always use anyone's talents if you want to help the organization. By the way, if the officers in the picture above look familiar, it's because THEY ARE. Seems like there wasn't anyone who wanted the positions that were voted upon at the November Annual Meeting.

Help Sessions Resume January 27

After a hiatus due to COVID, SCGS is ready to begin offering genealogy help sessions beginning Wednesday, January 27 at 10 AM. This will be a virtual help session via Zoom.

SCGS members will be sent the meeting link. Non-members can request the link by sending an email to webmanager@storygenes.com.

Another feature of the January 27th Help Session will be a brief presentation on using Google Books.

Join us on the fourth Wednesday in January to learn more about using Google Books in your research-- and to get help with your genealogy!

Holidays and Reasons to Celebrate

January 1 – New Year's Day
January 13 – Stephen Foster Memorial Dy
January 18 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 18 – Robert E. Lee's Birthday
January 18 – Idaho Human Rights Day
January 18 – Civil Rights Day
January 19 – Confederate Heroes' Day
January 20 – Inauguration Day
January 29 – Kansas Day
February 1 – National Freedom Day
February 1 – First Day of Black History Mo.
February 2 – Ground Hog Day
February 4 – Rosa Parks Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays in January. Visit https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/ for holidays and observances anywhere in the world.

NEED BOOK NAMES

Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that books ordered earlier this year are listed in the Ames Public Library catalog. Some of the books are available for check-out. She encouraged members to let her know if they run across a title of interest for next year's book purchase request.

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday, January 11, 2021
Zoom Meeting
6:30 pm

Presenter: Kate Feil

History and Evolution of Country schools

Did you or your parents attend a one room rural school? These schools once dotted the landscape of Iowa and other states, but most had closed by the 1960s.

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday, March 20, 2021
Zoom Meeting
10:00 am – Noon

Presenters: Pete Peterson & Kathy Jones

Ancestry and DNA Testing

Pete Peterson and Kathy Jones will describe what is involved in DNA testing and how it can be used to find family connections.

See SCGS website "Events Page" for registration instructions through the Ames Public Library.

Wednesday, March 27, 2021
Zoom Meeting
10:00 am – Noon

Genealogy and Computer Help Session

This session will begin with a short presentation on using Google Books for genealogy.
Remainder of session will be open for assistance with genealogy research.

Non-members, please send an email to
webmanager@storygenes.com
to request the meeting link.

SCGS Help Sessions will resume January 27, 2021 at 10 AM. Scheduled for the fourth Wednesday, these sessions will be held via Zoom.

Life and Times of Fidella Marty

Fidella Ann Hughes Marty was born on a farm in Clay County, Kansas to Orville Hughes and Rachel Dunham Hughes.

She has one sister, Carolyn, 2 years younger who still lives in Clay County, Kansas. They were both named for great grandmothers. Fidella was names for Fidella Teed Dunham who was born in New York state and graduated from a female college (which is now part of Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA) in 1865. After her marriage and move to Kansas in 1871, she was the first schoolteacher (in District #10, in Clay County, Kansas) and her mother, Rachel Hughes, was the last teacher in the 1960s. Fidella and Carolyn attended this one room school for their first 8 grades as did their mother, Rachel, and her two sisters.

Fidella graduated from high school in Clay Center, KS in 1952 and from Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa, in 1956 with a degree in Home Economics Education. While in college she participated in band and chorus, traveling with the Westmar College band and chorus on 3 trips each, playing and singing in a number of states in the mid-west.

On July 8, 1955, she married another college student, Evan Knapp. After his graduation from Westmar College, they moved to Cherokee, Iowa where he was hired as a teacher and coach. (Married women were not hired to teach at that time.) They had 2 children, Douglas Evan and Heidi Ann who both graduated from Cherokee High School and Iowa State University.

Doug and his wife, Cynthia, live in Bartlesville, OK. They have 2 children: Marcus and wife Juliana live in Erfurt, Germany, and Rachelle, in the Ft, Worth, TX area.
Heidi and her husband, Charles Howlett, live in Geneva, IL. Their son, Charlie and wife Ashleigh live in Ft. Worth TX, with their 3 children.
Their daughter, Alyssa, is a 9th grade Earth Science teacher and cheerleading coach in Ankeny, IA.

Instead of teaching in a classroom, Fidella used her education by being a 4-H club and project leader for 20 years. In 1973 she joined the Cherokee County Extension Staff as County 4-H and Youth Leader. In 1980, after a divorce, she moved to Grundy Center, IA and was employed as Extension Home Economist for Butler and Grundy Counties. Both Doug and Heidi graduated from Iowa State University and were married during the year 1981.

On August 18, 1983, she married Carroll Marty, a college classmate, and moved to Ames IA. Carroll had three children: Gary, Brenda & Lana.

Since living in Ames, she has been employed part-time by: ISU Extension Service, United Way, Travel Genie and Explore. She is now retired and volunteers at: Reiman Gardens and Calvary United Methodist Church. She is a member of P.E.O. Chapter KR, ISUWC (Iowa State University Women's Club) and "interest groups" Block Builders (quilting), Genealogy, and Stitchery. She enjoys sewing for Reiman Gardens, craft fairs, friends, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Their combined families consist of five children and spouses, ten grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. These families live in seven states across the US from British Columbia, Canada, to southern Florida.
Fidella and Carroll travel a lot. Carroll competes in Senior Olympics in different states and in the National Competition. They also try to visit their children and grandchildren once a year, making "loop" trips by car. They have been to all 50 states in the last 35 years as well as 5 Canadian Provinces and 5 other countries.
Fidella's hobbies include sewing and crafts, genealogy, traveling and activities with friends.

NOTE: Fidella is also a long time and active member of SCGS

Bertha Bartlett Public Library – Story City

Story County Genealogical Society

By Kolleen Taylor, Library Director

The Bertha Bartlett Public Library located at 503 Broad Street in Story City has an unusual mix of genealogy materials within its walls. With strong Norwegian ties, a number of the highly sought after Byggde boks allow families to trace their heritage back to Norway. Map books are available which help families locate their family farms in the various areas in this mountainous country.

The library also has a small genealogy resource library in the reference area. Those books include the three volumes of "The Great Migration," the three volumes of "The Genealogical Dictionary of New England," many histories of early settlements on the east coast, and many individual family histories, some specific to Story County families and some histories of early settler families which date back to early settlements in the United States along the eastern coast.

Summaries of many online research materials are available through the website at www.storycity.lib.ia.us, in addition to online e-books and audio books available through Bridges. To find information specifically used for genealogy research, go to https://www.storycity.lib.ia.us/services/genealogy-collection. There you will find a link to the past issues of the Story City Herald available online and links to free Story County genealogy websites such as Story County GenWeb, http://iagenweb.org/story and the Story County Genealogical Society, https://storygenes.com/. To locate Story County death and birth records, go to https://www.storycountyiowa.gov/394/Availability-of-Records. If you know of other sites that should be posted, please let us know at BerthaB@storycity.lib.ia.us.

The Bertha Bartlett Public Library has adapted to the restrictions of Covid-19 and has been successful through both its curbside (lobby) delivery system and limited access to the building. All materials are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized, in addition to thorough cleaning of our public areas. All access is through appointments by calling us at 515-733-2685. Our hours during the Covid-19 restrictions are as follows:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Gilbert Library is located at 207 Main Street in Gilbert and is a branch of the Bertha Bartlett Public Library. The building is open also by appointment by calling 515-232-0087. This library is open the following hours:

- Tuesdays: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursdays: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturdays: 10 a.m. to noon

Both locations offer free open Wi-Fi connections, computer access and copier and printing capabilities. All the materials located in either library is available to patrons using either location, however extra time is needed to move the books or DVDs from one site to the other. Be sure to call to ensure your materials area available.

Reference services are still available on a limited basis at the library, but genealogy research often needs a professional or volunteer genealogy researcher. For more information about the Bertha Bartlett Public Library, be sure to visit our website online at www.storycity.lib.ia.us or find us on Facebook or Instagram. To contact us, call the Bertha Bartlett Public Library: Story City at 515-733-2685 and Gilbert at 515-232-0087.

NOTE: Thank you to a SCGS member for initiating this article.

Press release

Local historian, Arlen Twedt, publishes
Volume 3 of *The Central Iowa Norwegians*

Twenty-five years after starting the Central Iowa Norwegian Project to collect information for a history of the central Iowa Norwegians, local historian, Arlen Twedt, is pleased to announce the publication of the third and final volume of *The Central Iowa Norwegians*.

Norwegian immigrants founded a settlement southwest of Cambridge in 1855 and a second colony east of Story City in 1856. By 1870, central Iowa was the third most popular settlement area for Norwegian immigrants in Iowa. In *Norwegian Settlement in the United States*, Carlton C. Qualey states, "When the settlers arrived in the lands on June 7, 1855, they found themselves in central Iowa, in Story County, where they launched one of the largest Norwegian settlements in Iowa and one of the more famous in America."

Volume 1 of *The Central Iowa Norwegians* published in 2017 covers the settlement period from 1855 to 1880. It traces emigrants' migration from hillside farms along fjords in southwest Norway to the prairie of northern Illinois and westward to Iowa. Twedt describes what early frontier life was like for 97 families living in log cabins and dugouts on the virgin prairie of Story, northern Polk, and southern Hamilton Counties in 1860. He also follows the experiences of 46 central Iowa Norwegians who volunteered for the Civil War. This volume also includes important early histories of the central Iowa Norwegians by other authors.

Volume 2 of *The Central Iowa Norwegians* published in 2018 contains biographical profiles of the families who lived in central Iowa during the first five and one-half years of settlement, 646 Norwegians who moved to or were born in central Iowa before 1861. It also contains memoirs and biographies describing pioneer life in central Iowa plus Twedt's essay describing the pioneers' interactions with Indians from the Meskwaki Settlement near Tama, Iowa, who hunted and trapped alongside the Upper South Skunk River into the early 20th century.

Volume 3 of *The Central Iowa Norwegians* begins with a description of how farming changed when modern agricultural machinery became available after the Civil War and how rural life changed when additional rail lines entered central Iowa in the early 1880s. Twedt also explores topics like religion and church life, educating the next generation, amusement and culture, seeking political influence, and becoming a mother settlement. This volume also includes important histories of the central Iowa Norwegians by other authors.

In 1905, an estimated 12,000 Norwegians were living in central Iowa, and it was time to celebrate. Cambridge and Story City held festive 50th anniversary celebrations. Today, descendants of Norwegians who immigrated to central Iowa before and after 1905 are still celebrating their central Iowa Norwegian heritage at church and community anniversary celebrations and at family reunions.

Arlen Twedt is a descendant of two families who helped found the settlement east of Story City in 1856. He grew up on a farm south of Roland, Iowa, and began learning about the history of the central Iowa Norwegians in 1977 when he started researching his family's history.

The Central Iowa Norwegians is available on Amazon.com and can also be ordered through local bookstores.

Submitted by SCGS member

Story County Genealogical Society Membership and Finances

For those people who know me, they will tell you that I am not very bashful person – I generally say what I think but try to be as tactful as possible. There are two SCGS subjects that I would like to discuss: **Membership** and **Finances**.

As you probably know, membership in SCGS is not expensive, BUT there seems to be some confusion about when you can pay your dues. At the November 2019 Annual Meeting, the membership voted to accept the new bylaws for SCGS. Part of those new bylaws pertained to membership.

Previously you were required to pay your membership at the end of the fiscal year (December 31st or close to it). The new bylaws changed that to accommodate anyone who wanted to pay their membership any time of the year. The bylaws section pertaining to that is shown below:

New members may join anytime of the year. Their membership is active upon filing a membership form and paying dues to the treasurer. Their renewal dues will be due on the yearly anniversary of their initial payment.

Also included in the new bylaws was the following section: *Every member is to receive dues reminders at 45 and 30 days prior to their anniversary due date; the member is dropped if dues are not renewed within 45 days past due date. These reminders and a thank you when dues are paid, are generated by the Society website's membership program.*

The first section is very plain – new members can pay dues when you can at any time during the year and your membership will be good for 12 months from that time. While the second section may be confusing, it may only happen to members who let their dues lapse and wait a few months to pay them again.

The next item I will discuss is the financial situation of SCGS. First off, SCGS is not in danger of going under in the near future. I would just like to mention that it takes money to keep getting the quality speakers like we have been getting.

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Over the past 3 – 4 years, SCGS has presented speakers that have spoken on various subjects – cities in Iowa, education in Iowa, many genealogy subjects, transportation in Iowa, writing your own story and many other subjects too numerous to mention. SCGS values our members' time, therefore we try to get speakers who will be interesting and informative. Even if the speaker isn't required to commute to the Ames Public Library for the presentation, there is still time spent in putting together a presentation and collecting facts that are passed on to our members – at a live presentation or Zoom. Most times this takes money.

Please help us to keep these programs coming to you. You will also help us to buy books for the coop program with the Ames Public Library and other programs that SCGS might have.

Membership dues and donations can be sent to SCGS by:

SCGS, P.O. Box 692, Ames, Iowa 50010
OR
Pay the Treasurer at a SCGS meeting
OR
Credit cards and PayPal are accepted also
(www.storygenes.com)
Individual Membership - $15
Family Membership - $20
(12-month membership period)
Make checks payable to Story County Genealogical Society

Please go to www.storygenes.com and select the first option (Home). Then scroll down to "**Membership**" and you will be guided through the payment process.

If you purchase items on Amazon, your purchase can help SCGS. Just log into AmazonSmile and you can select the organization that you wish to support. Your donation does not affect your cost on any item from Amazon.

Thank you for your time – Editor

What To Do???

A police recruit was asked during an exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" The recruit replied, "Call for backup".

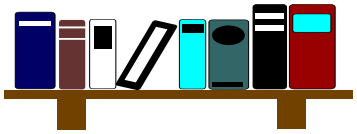
ZOOM Meetings

Well, it looks like we will be meeting via Zoom for a while now, but that's not all bad. Although in-person meetings would be better, Zoom meetings allow many more people from various parts of the United States to join the meetings. If you have trouble getting onto Zoom, please call one of the SCGS officers before meeting time so you can get help.

SCGS would like to invite comment and feedback from members outside of the Ames area and maybe outside of Iowa. Of course, we always expect positive feedback, but you never know for sure. I know that any comments and/or feedback can be put into this newsletter as OPED, Letters to the Editor, or any other title.

Having more people join the Zoom meetings and presentations is a good idea and it is a very exceptional opportunity. Your membership will assure that you receive all of the Zoom invitations for SCGS.

We Need Book Ideas



At the November 2020 Annual Meeting (and I'm certain at other meetings) SCGS Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that books ordered earlier this year are listed in the Ames Public Library catalog. Some of the books are available for check-out.

These books are part of a cooperative agreement between SCGS and the Ames Public Library and are kept at the APL. It has worked out very well for both parties.

She encouraged all members to let her know if they come across a title(s) of interest for the 2021 book purchase request. Ideally, they should be genealogy related, but I'm certain that there are books of family history and other related topics also. If you know of some titles of books that might fit these criteria, you can email Malvina at: librarian@storygenes.com.

The Ames Public Library is open for curbside pickup, and it isn't closed. Call the APL for more information.

Editor's Notes

Well, I hope that being a day late with publication of this newsletter is not a sign of what the rest of the year will be like. Actually, I'm involved in some other things that seem to require more of my time at the end of the year.

I want to thank everyone who voted for me at the November 2020 annual meeting to continue as the SCGS newsletter for another 2 years. I really enjoy doing it and enjoy the constant challenge of graphics, articles, word search topics, and various other things that go into the writing of the newsletter. Of course, I also want to thank all of the members and friends who contribute articles and other items to the newsletter. I have seen the member participation pickup quite a bit in the past 2 years and hopefully it will continue.

This issue contains an article concerning membership and finances. Please read it. Don't be alarmed at the financial portion of that article; as I stated, we aren't going to close our doors, we just want to continue to bring the best and most informative speakers as possible. We are fortunate to have a wealth of knowledgeable people within ISU and other locations near Ames, and they are very willing to share their information with us and our members.

As many other people have said in this newsletter, social media, on TV and other places: May 2021 be much better than 2020. Certainly, we anticipate to face many of the same challenges in 2021, but hopefully an end to the pandemic.

Dick Cooper

SCGS Word Search #26 More Genealogy Words

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

BIRTH	DISTRICT	LANDGRANT	RAILROAD	SON
CENSUS	FAMILY	MAPS	RECORDS	STORIES
CERTIFICATE	GENERATIONS	MARRIAGE	RIVERS	TREE
CHURCH	GRANDFATHER	MEMORIES	SEXTON	UNCLE
CITIZEN	GRANDMOTHER	NEWSPAPER	SHIP	WILL
COUSIN	GREATUNCLE	PEDIGREE	SOLDIER	
DAUGHTER	INTERNET	PROBATE		

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President's Message

What an excellent start to the Genealogy year. First, we heard about Country Schools and then DNA. The Help Session was a huge success - Mary Lohr started us off with some information on how to search for books on Google. Hope those who brought a problem or had a question were helped. It was fun to talk and share ideas on a cold, snowy day and not have to go out into the weather.

Don't forget to sign up for the Roots Tech conference the end of February. It is free and I am sure you can find something that would interest you.

Finding Your Roots being shown on Tuesday, February 2 has an Iowa connection. We have a member who did research on Martha Mitchel, the mother of Jim Gaffigan - who is one of the people on the show.

We will be looking back on the history of SCGS and going down memory lane.

Genealogy Plus - we will be hearing about the Civil War.

Nancy

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If the Ames Public Schools have cancelled school due to inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.) then the Story County Genealogical Society meeting for that same day will be cancelled. Of course, we are all on Zoom now, so snow and cold weather don't mean as much regarding meetings.

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Monday February 8, 2021
6:30 PM
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Genealogy Plus
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10:00 AM - Noon
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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes January, 11, 2021

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:35 p.m. Thirty-four members and the guest speaker participated.

Minutes of the November 2020 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the December financial report. It will be filed for audit.

Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that in February she will submit the proposed book purchase list to the library and welcomes additions to the list especially books about early settlers to the area.

Nancy noted that this month's Genealogy PLUS will take place on January 20th beginning at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Kathy Jones and Pete Peterson will present the program about Ancestry and DNA. Registration is available on the Ames Public Library website. A help session will be offered this month on Wednesday, January 27th beginning at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. It will begin with a presentation about Google Books by Mary Lohr followed by open time for genealogical queries.

Susan Olson of the Webster County Genealogical Society announced that research done by that society at the request of the PBS show "Finding Your Roots" will be included in the February 2nd airing of the show on Iowa PBS.

President Nancy Long reminded members about renewing membership dues.

Dick Cooper noted that the newsletter contained information about registering for the free virtual RootsTech Conference scheduled for February 25th-27th.

President Nancy Long introduced the evening's speaker, Kate Feil. She is the current director of Story City Museums and the Story City Historical Society. She spoke on the topic of the history of county schools in Story County. Following her presentation, she answered questions from attendees. The power point of her

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presentation will be posted in the members section of the society's website.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
Submitted by Annette Anderegg, secretary

Free Virtual Conference

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While you wait for the end of February to come, check out the free video archive on their website to see past keynote speakers and selected class presentations. You'll hear some amazing stories and learn a lot from experts in a variety of genealogy related areas.

--Annette Anderegg

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the past, attendees had to travel and pay food and lodging to attend the events. This year it will be hosted FREE and virtual to all of those who register in time. Please register.

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To: Story County Genealogical Society

My name is Rita Lindahl, and I was a personal friend of the late Luanne Endreland, who was a long-time member of SCGS. She introduced me to your group. I actually knew her husband John long before I met her as we worked together at 3M many years ago.

When we met, it seemed like an immediate bond. Then I found out in time about her love for genealogy. And it was deep. Her computer room area was filled with volumes of books she had explored and assembled. I was fascinated with what she had done. She would help me from time to time with my issues in exploring. Her knowledge was incredible!

Over the years, another group of friends and myself formed a group of Sr. citizens and called ourselves the OFG (Old Folks Group). We grew from 6 couples to 10 couples/singles. We started out doing "round robin" sort of gatherings, but soon grew too large for that, so we branched out to community buildings and parks. This group of folks used to gather about 6-8 times a year. Mostly potluck, sometimes just at a restaurant. We had Christmas together, and all formed a quick bond. Our members are from Boone, Ames, Williams, Slater and Jewell. John and Luanne become an integral part of this group. We've lost 3 members since we formed in about 2015. As a group, we donate to the family a memorial befitting that person's life. For Luanne, it had to be something regarding genealogy. SCGS gave me the advice of purchasing some genealogical books at the Ames Public Library (and Bertha Bartlett Library in Story City). Both libraries were grateful and had books purchased with the memorial placed inside each book. Here is the list from Ames Public Library. May you think of Luanne as you check out any of these, and how humble she would feel to have such a great honor placed in her name.

- *Practical Genealogy*
- *The Family Tree Historical Newspapers guide*
- *Referencing for Genealogists*
- *Tracing your Female Ancestry*
- *Genealogy Standards*

Also, Bertha Bartlett Library:

- *Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com*
- *Your Step-by-Step Guide to Ancestry.com*

With the promise of one more book in the near future.

Luanne was a sweet, honest, loving friend. We miss her so much.

Rita Lindahl

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday, February 8, 2021
*** Meeting Held on Zoom Online**
6:30 pm

50 Years of Story County Genealogical Society (Interactive Presentation)

Did you know the Story County Genealogical Society has a past? Fifty plus years and counting. Join us as we walk down memory lane and look at some of the highlights of what we and our "ancestors" have been doing!

Speakers: Mary Lohr and Dick Cooper

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
*** Meeting Held on Zoom Online**
10:00 am – Noon

"Was My Ancestor in the Civil War?" or "I Have a Civil War Ancestor, Now What?"

Speaker: Brian Rhinehart

* Members and non-members must register – https://amespubliclibrary.org/events/genealogy-plus-civil-war-special

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Meeting Held on Zoom Online
10:00 am – Noon

Genealogy and Computer Help Session

Bring your genealogy and computer questions and we'll try to help you find solution to your genealogy or computer questions. In case you are wondering, SCGS held its first Help Session in quite a while on January 27th. Wasn't certain how it would go due to the Covid-19 and Zoom, but it went very well. Lots of good ideas were given.

Bio of Patricia Coffie – SCGS member

I have been a formal storyteller since 1976 and a puppeteer since the 1960's. I tell stories of family. My brief bio is "Patricia Coffie was born interested and Iowan and she tells stories."

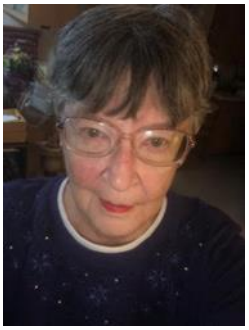
I was born and raised in DM. Grew up on summer trips to picnic at the old home place in Howard Township, Story County, and wade in the Skunk. My Great grandfather was Russell Wells Ballard, Grandfather was John Floyd Ballard Sr., father was John Floyd Ballard Jr. Dad graduated from Story City High in 1928.

She has been on the Building Project Committee for two successfully built public libraries. She has served on the Boards of the Cedar River Storytelling Festival, the Iowa Library Association, the Northlands Storytelling Network and the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling, now the National Storytelling Network. She has been a teacher in Des Moines, library director in Texas and Iowa, Administrative Assistant in Flight Control Division at Manned Spacecraft Center during first walk on the moon, puppeteer, and storyteller. Coffie is the author of *The Index to Storytelling Magazine*. Coffie began telling formally in 1976 and is still telling after all these years.

I am interested in the genealogy group but sister and aunt have done the name/date thing to a fare thee well so I have spent my time on the stories that make those people, interesting family.

This is the home my grandfather built in 1909. Still standing and in use.
Near Sheffield cemetery. Visited last year.

This is grandfather, grandmother, Aunt Inez and Uncle Ray in 1909. This is a fascinating photo of success at that time.



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HistoryCamp – Iowa 2021

The following paragraph is taken from www.guidestar.org:

"HistoryCamp is a casual history conference that welcomes people of all ages and from all walks of life—students, teachers and professors, authors, bloggers, reenactors, interpreters, museum and historical society directors and board members, genealogists, and, anyone else, regardless of profession or degree, who is interested in history and wants to learn more."

History Camp Iowa 2021 will include presentations on a wide variety of historical topics. Presenters come from all walks of life, including academics, public historians, and amateurs. Catch the presentations listed below and many more to come! Everyone can register for this online, virtual event. Please register at https://historycamp.org/iowa.

Special Events are February 17, 18, & 19 with the Main Event being on Saturday, February 20, 2021.

FREE Newspapers Online

One of the many advantages that is available via Zoom is the exchange of ideas. Zoom gives everyone the opportunity to speak, although not at once!! At a recent Zoom meeting, I mentioned that I was looking for a good source for historical newspapers but really didn't want to pay much (if anything) for an account. One of the other attendees quickly reminded me that there was a large selection of digitized newspapers from the State Historical Society of Iowa. Search for Iowa State Historical Society and you will probably get the options that you want. Also look on the SCGS Facebook page for the link.

Holidays and Reasons to Celebrate

February 1 – National Freedom Day
February 1 – First Day of Black History Month
February 2 – Groundhog Day
February 4 – Rosa Parks Day
February 5 – Nation Wear Red Day
February 7 – Super Bowl
February 12 – Lincoln's Birthday
February 12 – Chinese New Year
February 14 – Valentine's Day
February 14 – Statehood Day (Arizona)
February 15 – Presidents' Day
February 15 – Daisy Gatson Bates Day
February 15 – Susan B. Anthony's Birthday
February 16 – Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras
February 16 – Elizabeth Peratrovich Day
February 28 – Linus Pauling Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays in this month. Visit https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/ for holidays and observances anywhere in the world.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day basic information from Wikipedia:
"In the United States, about 190 million Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, not including the hundreds of millions of cards school children exchange.
Valentine's Day is a major source of economic activity, with total expenditures topping $18.2 billion in 2017, or over $136 per person. This is an increase from $108 per person in 2010."

Ballard/Snow The Legacy: Healers

Study, sanitation, and compound tinctures; a story of healing from my family.

My great, great grandfather was Dr. Moses Russell Ballard. He was a self-taught physician and the first generation on my father's side to come to Iowa. Moses was born on a farm in western New York in 1800. In 1825 he married Eliza Beecher.

In 1833, he took grain to the mill and while there, one leg was caught in one of the mechanisms and badly mangled. Doctors recommended amputation but he refused. His healing and study with those doctors took more than a year. By 1835, he filled his pill bags and set out with Eliza and their growing family to go where healing was needed and land was available. They traveled West from New York through Ohio, and into Illinois.

Along the way, Moses Russell continued to learn and add to his healing remedies. For twelve years he practiced healing at points in the vicinity of Chicago while his sons worked the land. In 1854, at new Bremen, 23 miles out of Chicago, he encountered a cholera Pandemic. Once infected, a grown and healthy adult could die within 2 to 8 hours. The cholera was so deadly and so contagious that those who were ill or dead were often abandoned.

At the same time, Dr. John Snow was studying cholera in London. It was thought that cholera was caused by Miasma or bad air. Dr. Snow identified the cause as contaminated water. Later work would show bacteria common to brackish or salty water was spread to humans through contaminated water and food. This news would take a long time to reach the frontier but Moses Russell was already convinced of the necessity for sanitation, clean water, and compound tinctures from those medicine bags. Of the 33 people Moses Russell treated 28 recovered. His sons were inspired to coffin and bury the dead from whom fear had driven kindred and friends, and none of the Ballards was stricken.

By 1855, Moses and Eliza and their 11 children and one daughter-in-law, 14 in all, had migrated West for the last time settling in Howard Township, Story County, Iowa. He purchased land with a pioneer cabin they used until a new house was built. Now for the first time, Moses Russell began to call himself Dr. Ballard.

That first cabin was traded to a neighbor, for a bay nine-year-old horse. Jim, that horse, became Dr. Ballard's partner for the next 21 years. If there was a race with death, Old Jim flew. If the master was in a ruminating mood, he moved gently along. Dr. Ballard and Old Jim became, at times, almost strangers to the family.

Accounts were kept, but no patient was refused because he could not or did not pay. The old Doctor's tender-heartedness extended to everything that lived.

In 1876, Dr. Ballard and Old Jim retired.

Peacefully the doctor and Eliza lived, until January 7, 1878, when the doctor nearly 78 left Eliza to answer one more call—a call in which Old Jim and the saddlebags did not accompany him. Eliza followed in 1880.

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1888 Children's Blizzard & Iowa Schools

Kate Feil gave a very interesting presentation at the January 11th SCGS meeting regarding country schools in the Story county area. One of the questions that was asked of her was: were the country schools in Story county effected by the 1888 blizzard that killed so may children in other states? Kate researched this question and her answer can be found below. One of several articles that she found in the *Story City News* from that time period is transcribed at the end of this column and gives a fairly accurate accounting of happenings.

Kate Feil's answer to the question of the blizzard and Story county schools is as follows. The death toll wasn't nearly as drastic in Iowa as it was in the Dakotas and Nebraska. This was mainly due to the time the storm arrived in Iowa. It hit Nebraska and Dakotas at midday and through the afternoon which is when children would've been traveling home from school. It didn't reach central Iowa until early evening when most were already home for the night. The *Story City News* newspaper reported issues with rail lines and roads being blocked for days. And many of those in the country were not able to get to town for food and fuel. But I didn't see any reports of deaths due to the blizzard in our area. Here are a couple of links to accounts of the storm in western Iowa:
http://iagenweb.org/crawford/newspaper/blizzard1888.html
https://sites.google.com/site/fremontcohs/the-attic/thechildrensblizzard
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Following you will find one of the many articles from the 1888 *Story City News* that further summarizes the children's blizzard in Story county.

"The reports from the northwest shows over 200 persons frozen to death in last week's great storm. There is always something to admire in the brave pioneer, who leaves the comforts of society to break the western wilds and face the arctic storms, but it brings a feeling of regret that so many martyrs are required to advance the course of empire."

Death and Marriage

The E. B. Keeling home northeast of town [Clarion, Iowa] is in the peculiar position of sharing a great sorrow and also a joy in the family.

Today, Thanksgiving day, was set as the wedding day for their daughter Bertha and Noah H Cooper [grandparents]. Invitations had been issued to the friends and relatives and the happy event was to take place at high noon.

A few days ago, the young lady's brother Joe [Joseph Edward Keeling] was taken very sick with appendicitis and continued to grow worse until Tuesday morning it was decided that an operation was the only hope for his life. Accordingly, the operation was performed, but his condition was such that this even failed to save his life and he passed away yesterday morning about 9:20 o'clock. The young man was only 18 years of age, next to the youngest of a family of eight children and the first to be claimed by death. He was an excellent lad and well-liked by many friends. It had been planned that he would stand up with the bride and groom at their wedding ceremony, but fate ruled otherwise.

Yesterday morning he made the request of his sister that the ceremony be performed at once and she and the man of her choice came to the Methodist parsonage in this city and were married by Rev. Van Metre. The latter had gone to the country and by the time he was located and the ceremony performed it was 11:30. The bride and groom, however, did not learn of the young man's death until after they were married. Such is the story of the sadness mingled with the joy of their wedding day.

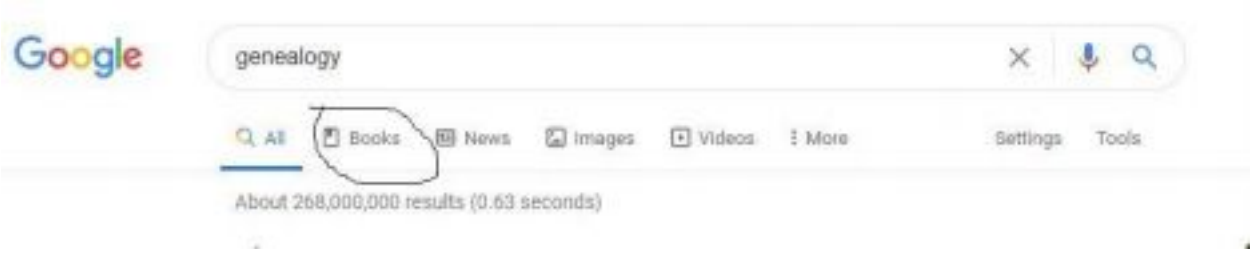
According to present plans the funeral of the young man will be held Saturday at the family home and interment will be in Clarion Evergreen cemetery.

A copy of the article transcribed above was taken from the November 26, 1914 issue of the *Clarion Clipper* newspaper published in Clarion, Iowa.

Using Google Books for Genealogy Research

You can access Google Books at https://books.google.com

(Or, you can perform a Google search and then select the Books option underneath the search box.)



Some of the items you may find in Google Books:
County histories, family histories, almanacs, plat maps, city directories, history of towns, states, magazines, newspapers, photographs, maps … many others

Google search operators such as quotation marks can be used in searching the more than 25 million books Google has digitized. Some books are available for download (if the content is in the public domain or out of copyright). Other books may provide a snippet view.

Other features: link to WorldCat to search for a book in libraries; create a citation; links to purchase a book; other available editions or related books.

You can add book titles to your selection in "My Library" for quick access later.

Other sources of digitized books: (not a complete list) FamilySearch.org (https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/)

HeritageQuest Online (access through the Ames Public Library) Internet Archive (archive.org)

Hathi Trust Digital Library (https://www.hathitrust.org/) Hint: browse the Ancestry and Genealogy collection

GenGophers (www.genealogygophers.com)

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SCGS Word Search #27 - North American Ports of Entry

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Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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Editor's Notes

Well, I'll be darned. I think that this is probably the first time that I have used the membership application page for my Editor's Notes column, BUT THAT'S QUITE OKAY!! I thoroughly enjoy getting all of the information and articles like we have in this newsletter. We have member information, stories, genealogy information – just about everything that you could think of. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and to everyone who will contribute in the future.

The January newsletter didn't start out the new year too well. I made some mistakes that I shouldn't have made. Thanks to some of the members for reminding me about them. I'll be certain not to make these mistakes in future issues.

Please be certain to read about RootsTech on page 2 and HistoryCamp on page 5. These opportunities don't happen too often so please take advantage of the when they do occur. I really think that this issue of the newsletter must be one of the most valuable in regard to the vast variety of items included – items of interest to most everyone. In case anyone is interested, I re-discovered a new source for books – www.thriftboods.com. Please research this website.

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President's Message

February has certainly been a wealth of learning opportunities. First - thanks to Dick, Roger and Mary, we learned some of the history of SCGS and then we learned lots on the Civil War records available and how to gather valuable info from these records. This presentation is available thru the Ames Public Library website. We learned how to find books from many places on the internet. Roots Tech is just starting as I write this and you can learn from these activities for a whole year.

We have a member who did research for Finding Your Roots episode and another member found out she is related to one of the participants of a recent show. We have famous people among us.

Dick found the Cambridge, Ia. newspaper online at our Help Session. It is really good to see the actual sight in front of you as you are talking about it. I have been doing some searching, but haven't found any mention of my ancestors yet.

Throw in the Iowa History 101 webinar series being put on by the State Historical Society of Iowa and I am in overload. And I can just sit here in my home and watch it all. Didn't have to go out in that very cold or snowy weather and people from other parts of the State and County can join us. Zoom does have some advantages. All of our meetings have had higher attendance. We have had some really good presentations and more planned for the rest of the year.

Also, Ames Public Library announced that they are opening for browsing on March 15.

Nancy

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Story County Genealogical Society
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021 via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:30 p.m. Thirty-one individuals participated.

Minutes of the January 2021 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the January financial report. It will be filed for audit.

Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that she had submitted a proposed book purchase list of six titles to the library with a request that they all be available for general circulation. When the request is approved, she will give the list to Dick Cooper for inclusion in the newsletter.

Nancy noted that this month's Genealogy PLUS will take place on February 17th beginning at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. The program to be presented by Brian Rhinehart is titled "Was My Ancestor in the Civil War?" A help session will be offered this month on Wednesday, February 24th beginning at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. It will begin with Dick Cooper giving an introduction to the ThirftBooks website as a genealogical resource followed by open time for genealogical queries.

The PBS show "Finding Your Roots" which aired on Iowa PBS February 2nd was mentioned. Results of research done by Susan Olson of the Webster County Genealogical Society were used in that episode. She was commended for her contributions.

Members Dick Cooper, Mary Lohr and Roger Hogle were the evening's speakers. Each addressed different aspects of the Story County Genealogical Society's history. Dick noted that he has extra copies of the 50th Anniversary booklet. Anyone interested should contact either him or Mary Lohr. Dick gave a synopsis of the history and highlighted the contributions of the late Merlene Whisenand's work in compiling a 30-year history and told of her work on the 50-year celebration held in 2018. Dick also acknowledged the contributions to his

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presentation by the society's current historian Paul Martsching.

Mary Lohr noted that the handouts for the presentation are available in the members section of the website and she will also send them out in an email. She addressed the ways communication to members and public has evolved over the years.

Roger Hogle told of his participation in the cemetery project beginning in 1987. A group of members walked the cemeteries in Story County and transcribed the information on the grave markers. Roger also compiled the information for publication by the society.

President Nancy Long reminded participants to sign up for Genealogy Plus on the library website. She thanked the speakers for their presentations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
Submitted by Annette Anderegg, secretary

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Thank you to members who have stepped-up to help SCGS continue to be a great organization. SCGS can always use anyone's talents to help the organization. If the officers in the picture above look familiar, it's because THEY ARE. There wasn't anyone else who wanted the positions that were voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

Help Session to be Held March 24

After a hiatus due to COVID and then 2 trial Help sessions, SCGS is ready to begin offering genealogy help sessions beginning Wednesday, March 24 at 10 AM. This will be a virtual help session via Zoom.

SCGS members will be sent the meeting link. Non-members can request the link by sending an email to webmanager@storygenes.com.

Another feature of the January 27th Help Session will be a brief presentation on something of interest to genealogists and family historians.

Join us on the fourth Wednesday in March to learn more - and to get help with your genealogy or other questions!

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

March 1 – Casimir Pulaski Day (Illinois)
March 1 – First Day of Women's History Month
March 2 – Texas Independence Day (Texas)
March 2 – Read Across America Day
March 2 – Town Meeting Day (Vermont)
March 5 – Employee Appreciation Day
March 14 – Daylight Saving Time Starts
March 15 – Ides of March
March 16 – Birthday (Iowa)
March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
March 17 – Evacuation Day (Massachusetts)
March 20 – March Equinox
March 25 – Maryland Day (Maryland)
March 26 – Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole Day (Hawaii)
March 29 – Seward's Day (Alaska)
March 29 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day
March 31 – Cesar Chavez Day (Various)

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Inspiring ideas for your genealogy research from an experienced and Certified Genealogist!
See SCGS website "Events Page" for registration instructions through the Ames Public Library.

Speaker: Alice Hoyt Veen, CG

Wednesday, March 24, 2021
Zoom Meeting
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Genealogy and Computer Help Session

This session will begin with a short presentation on something of interest to genealogists and family historians.
Remainder of session will be open for assistance with genealogy research.

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Life and Times of Dick Cooper

I was born on 19 July 1946 at Garten's Maternity Home in Belmond, Wright County, Iowa. Doctor Nelson of Belmond delivered me but not at his office. I am the oldest of 3 children, I have 2 sisters. Anyway, my parents lived on a farm on the Eagle Grove road off of Highway 69. I'll never know why I was born in Belmond (oh well).

I had an average farm life with all of the excitement that farm living brings. Then in winter of 1957 we had a farm sale and moved to the "big town" of Dows 😉. Previous to that all 3 of us kids had gone to a 1 room country school on Highway 69 in Lincoln Township. When we moved to Dows, I was in the 6th grade with a lot more kids. My friends and I rode our bikes all over town, went to the swimming pool, and many other things. Mom and Dad didn't worry about us kids because they knew that we had sense enough to be safe. We didn't have cell phones and conveniences of kids today – Oh Well!!! I graduated from Dows High School and went on to attend Mason City Junior College in Mason City, Iowa. There I met my wife-to-be and her brother, who was also in Mason City Junior College. (**NOTE FOR Genealogists**. The brother of my wife-to-be married my youngest sister. That might be a mess for future genealogists to figure out.) After about 8 years, my first wife from Mason City and I had moved to Des Moines then Council Bluffs and had 2 great children (1-boy and 1-girl). Then we got a divorce. I lived "foot-loose" for 2 years then I met Mary Sauer at Creighton Law School in Omaha. We got married and moved to Louisiana, then New Jersey and then retired back to Iowa in 2014. We had many fun times along the way. Our common hobby was membership in an international emergency organization called REACT. I was local and state officer for most of the time that we were members. At one time I was president of the international portion of the organization for 4 consecutive years.

When we retired back to Iowa, I was concerned that I may not have anything to do except work on my stamp collection. That was a wrong concern. We joined Gilbert Lutheran Church and became active members and at the November 2016 SCGS Annual Meeting I was voted in as newsletter editor, and I'm still doing it today. My stamp collection has really taken a back seat to church and genealogy, and I enjoy both of them. In my previous newsletter with REACT, I enjoyed the end result as I knew that it was informing many people of what was happening outside of their world. The downside was that I had to compose nearly everything that went into the newsletter. When I was asked to be the SCGS newsletter editor, I stated that I would do it but I had to have a lot of help from the membership with articles and other input into the newsletter – AND THEN IT HAPPENED 😉😉😉

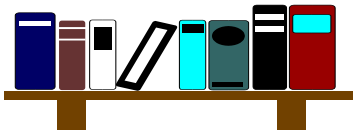
Although Mary has cancer and visits her doctor one time per week and as a senior citizen, I have my little problems too, we can both still get around, take road trips, see our kids, grandkids, etc. Kids from my first marriage are: one is in the Iowa Highway Patrol, one works in day care center, one is a CNA and one is in the National Guard. The others are starting families of their own. The youngest one (9 years old this year) is big into sports.

With the Covid-19, we are at high risk at our age. For that reason, it is risky for us to visit many people, including family. We don't like that but we want to stay safe and make sure that the rest of our family stays safe. I still get out and shovel snow or mow the lawn when I have to. We have wonderful, friendly neighbors that keep us from getting bored and we keep in contact with our friends at church also, even though we are not meeting in person, only via Zoom.

We are very happy be back in Iowa where family is. Although they are scattered out all over the state, it's better than living in New Jersey. While I was in New Jersey working for a wholesale lumber distributor, I maintained my Iowa ways when dealing with customers and co-workers. People tried to "Jerseyize" me but I refused.

Submitted by SCGS member

We Need Book Ideas



At the November 2020 Annual Meeting (and I'm certain at other meetings) SCGS Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that books ordered earlier this year are listed in the Ames Public Library catalog. Some of the books are available for check-out.

These books are part of a cooperative agreement between SCGS and the Ames Public Library and are kept at the APL. It has worked out very well for both parties.

She encouraged all members to let her know if they come across a title(s) of interest for the 2021 book purchase request. Ideally, they should be genealogy related, but I'm certain that there are books of family history and other related topics also. If you know of some titles of books that might fit these criteria, you can email Malvina at: librarian@storygenes.com.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

I publish this Notice every winter but now the temperature is in the 40s and snow is melting – NICE.

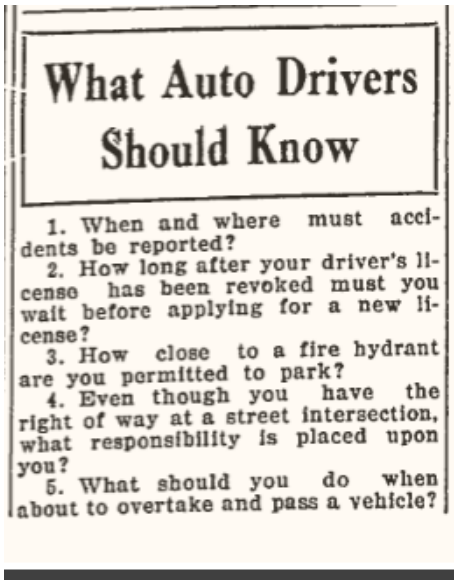
If the Ames Public Schools have cancelled school due to inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.) then the Story County Genealogical Society meeting for that same day will be cancelled.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight saving time (**DST**), also **daylight savings time** or **daylight time** (the United States and Canada) and **summer time** (United Kingdom, European Union, and others), is the practice of advancing clocks during warmer months so that darkness falls later each day according to the clock. The typical implementation of DST is to set clocks forward by one hour in the spring ("spring forward") and set clocks back by one hour in autumn ("fall back", from the North American English word "fall" for autumn) to return to standard time. As a result, there is one 23-hour day in late winter or early spring and one 25-hour day in the autumn.

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2:00 A.M. It is suggested that on Saturday night, March 13th, set your clocks forward 1 hour (i.e., losing one hour) to "spring ahead."

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



What Auto Drivers Should Know

1. When and where must accidents be reported?
2. How long after your driver's license has been revoked must you wait before applying for a new license?
3. How close to a fire hydrant are you permitted to park?
4. Even though you have the right of way at a street intersection, what responsibility is placed upon you?
5. What should you do when about to overtake and pass a vehicle?

Article from page 3,
Wright County Monitor, Clarion, Iowa
Published Thursday, September 12, 1935

Ames Public Library

UPDATE — The Ames Public Library is finally reopening to the public on March 15! That will be a whole year since patrons could browse the books and more on the first and second floors of the library, though with a few restrictions of time limits, wear masks, and bring in no food or drink. So, let's all go check out the Ames Public Library...Again!

Submitted by 2 SCGS members and librarians

Ames Public Library is moving into the next phase of reopening spaces to the public!

Starting March 15 visitors will be able to browse collections on the first and second floors of the Library.

- Library staff will be available to answer basic reference and account questions.
- Computers will continue to be available for 30-minute sessions.
- Quick Picks, Grab and Go Bags, and @HOME Activity kits will remain conveniently located in the lobby.
- *Play areas, study rooms, and meeting rooms will remain closed during this phase.*

What should I expect when I visit?

- Visitors should limit their time in the building to **30 minutes** so others can use the facility safely.
- Visitors must **wear masks** covering their nose and mouth and maintain 6 feet of distance from staff and other visitors.
- Visitors are asked to **refrain from eating or drinking** in the library at this time.

Library users in need of special accommodations may call **(515) 239-5646 ext. 2** for assistance.

Ames Public Library's open hours will remain:

- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 9am-6pm
- Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-9pm
- Sundays 1pm-5pm

The Library staff and Board of Trustees will continue to monitor the situation and collaborate with City officials and health experts to adapt Library services as needed.

Story County Genealogical Society Membership and Finances

Reprint from 2021 February Issue

For those people who know me, they will tell you that I am not very bashful person – I generally say what I think but try to be as tactful as possible. There are two SCGS subjects that I would like to discuss: **Membership** and **Finances**.

As you probably know, membership in SCGS is not expensive, BUT there seems to be some confusion about when you can pay your dues. At the November 2019 Annual Meeting, the membership voted to accept the new bylaws for SCGS. Part of those new bylaws pertained to membership.

Previously you were required to pay your membership at the end of the fiscal year (December 31st or close to it). The new bylaws changed that to accommodate anyone who wanted to pay their membership any time of the year. The bylaws section pertaining to that is shown below:

New members may join anytime of the year. Their membership is active upon filing a membership form and paying dues to the treasurer. Their renewal dues will be due on the yearly anniversary of their initial payment.

Also included in the new bylaws was the following section: *Every member is to receive dues reminders at 45 and 30 days prior to their anniversary due date; the member is dropped if dues are not renewed within 45 days past due date. These reminders and a thank you when dues are paid, are generated by the Society website's membership program.*

The first section is very plain – new members can pay dues when you can at any time during the year and your membership will be good for 12 months from that time. While the second section may be confusing, it may only happen to members who let their dues lapse and wait a few months to pay them again.

The next item I will discuss is the financial situation of SCGS. First off, SCGS is not in danger of going under in the near future. I would just like to mention that it takes money to keep getting the quality speakers like we have been getting.

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Over the past 3 – 4 years, SCGS has presented speakers that have spoken on various subjects – cities in Iowa, education in Iowa, many genealogy subjects, transportation in Iowa, writing your own story and many other subjects too numerous to mention. SCGS values our members' time, therefore we try to get speakers who will be interesting and informative. Even if the speaker isn't required to commute to the Ames Public Library for the presentation, there is still time spent in putting together a presentation and collecting facts that are passed on to our members – at a live presentation or Zoom. Most times this takes money.

Please help us to keep these programs coming to you. It will also help us to buy books for the coop program with the Ames Public Library and other programs that SCGS might have.

If you purchase items on Amazon, your purchase can help SCGS. Just log into AmazonSmile and you can select the organization that you wish to support. Your donation does not affect your cost on any item from Amazon.

Thank you for your time – Editor

Editor's Notes

I always leave my article until last and fit it in where ever I can. Nancy was right when she stated in the President's Article that February was a very busy and informative month. Civil War, SCGS History, RootsTech, History Camp of Iowa, finding media and everything else.

I really enjoyed watching History Camp Iowa 2021 on Zoom and listening to the tours of the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, the Amish Heritage Museum and the State Historical Society of Iowa Museum. I always like to learn more about Iowa. Not genealogy but very interesting.

Glad to see that we are getting more people and more interest from the attendees in our Wednesday Help sessions on the 4th Wednesday of the month. I feel that attendance of all presentations has increased because more people can find us via Zoom.

Dick Cooper

Where to Look for Books and Other Media

On 24 February, 2021, I gave a presentation regarding the search for books, other genealogical media and newspapers. I had some recent experience in these fields so SCGS took advantage of that.

There are literally thousands of locations to find books. Just search google or any other search engine for "books", "genealogy" or other words. I would suggest that you put the most important words first in the search as this is how the search engine will know where to search. You can find books at:

www.outofprintbookstore.com
www.landing.bookbub.com
www.Google/books
www.Thehistoricalarchive.com
www.Ebay.com
www.Pinterest.com
www.Facebook.com
www.AmazonSmile.com
Betterworldbooks.com (purchases help Literacy Grants)
Thriftbooks.com
All libraries
Digitized books on:
www.Familysearch.org
www.Ancestry.com

Remember that, depending upon the copyrights, some of these books may not be downloadable. **Be cautious.**

Another media for books is ebooks. Check and you may not have to use a Nook (Barnes & Noble) or Kindle for ebooks, you may be able to use your computer. You can also find books on CDs or thumb drives. Here again, be very careful that they don't contain a virus, malware or something else that isn't good for your computer. Talk to your virus protection company to find out how to protect yourself in these cases.

Another good source of information is newspapers. Again, you can use your favorite search engine and search for "newspapers" by state or county. You may have better luck by searching the county seat of the county that you are looking for. Newspaper searching is tedious but may yield results that you didn't expect.

Again, remember libraries to find newspapers in film or not digitized yet. This may be a good way to find small-town newspapers. Above all, **BE CAREFUL.**

Genealogy or Family History

Submitted by Merlene Whisenand

While it is common for people to use the terms "genealogy" and "family history" interchangeably, they actually have a subtle but different meaning. Genealogy, the study of ancestry and descent, refers more to the actual search for ancestors, while family history is the narrative of the events in your ancestors' lives, the telling of your family's story. Family history is genealogy come alive.

To experience the difference between genealogy and family history, place yourself in the world of an ancestor. For the best experience, select one for which you have a few dull, dry facts such as birth date, hometown, marriage, children and burial location. Then try to learn the circumstances of his/her life: what he did to put food on the table, how he spent his leisure time, his position in the town or community, the cost of living at the time, the types of food he ate, the clothes he wore, diseases which were prevalent for the time, the traditions he followed.

To dig up the answers to these questions, you can turn to a variety of historical resources: timelines, social histories, community histories, newspaper accounts, biographies, etc. The records which gave you the names and dates for your ancestors are also a source for potential clues. Census records may be able to tell you about your ancestor's neighborhood, occupations, educational background, and financial situation. Wills may provide insight into your ancestor's feelings, friends, and possessions. Immigration and naturalization records may offer a look at your ancestor's motivations for moving to a new country.

In your quest to learn more about where you came from, don't limit yourself to the "genealogy" search. Flesh out the lives of your ancestors, tell the stories of your living family members, and bring your *family history* to life.

Reprinted from The Pioneer newsletter January 2014

Republished in SCGS newsletter November 2016

Editor's Note: Merlene would be enjoy knowing that this article is in its 3rd printing. **And this is still true today.**

Ancestor Passenger Ships - SCGS Word Search #28

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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Antonia	Demosthenes	Haverford	Mayflower	Slavonia
Aquitania	Devonian	Homeric	Montroyal	Titanic
Baltic	Dominion	Lapland	Nordland	Tunisian
Berlin	Ethiopia	Lusitania	Patricia	Vanderland
Bohemian	Friesland	Manhattan	QueenMary	Volendam

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OR
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Membership - Individual $15 ___ or Family (2) $20 ___
OR
Donations
Make checks payable to Story County Genealogical Society

Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____Birthday: ____/____/_____

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Please go to www.storygenes.com and select the first option (Home). Then scroll down to "**Membership**" and you will be guided through the payment process.

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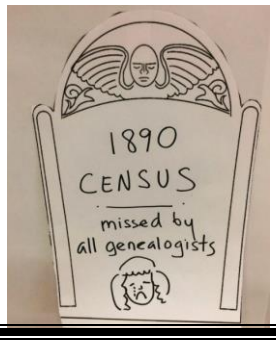
President's Message

March was another great learning month for SCGS. Jim and Annette started us off with more tips and what we can continue to learn from the RootsTech Conference held the end of February. Lots of things we can check out for a whole year. Always good to see Alice at our GP meeting and her tips on how we can keep track of our research. Always learn something from her presentations. Alice will be back in April to tell us about Maps. The Help Session is always interesting and hopefully some questions got answered.

There are many programs on Zoom and Facebook and fun to be able to attend a meeting being held in another state from your own living room. Provides lots more opportunities right now. I have mentioned this before but the State Historical Society of Iowa has been putting on lots of programs this year. Many are held 12 to 1 (lunch hour) time period. They cover lots of things about Iowa History.

Programing for next year will be starting soon, so if you have a subject you want to hear more about or if you hear someone you think would be good to talk to SCGS, please let us know.

Nancy



Story County Genealogical Society
Monday April 12, 2021
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Zoom Meeting
Maps Will be Discussed
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Genealogy Plus!
Wednesday April 21, 2021
10:00 AM - Noon
Zoom Meeting

Not Sure What Will be Presented
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Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday April 28, 2021
10:00 AM - Noon
Zoom Help Session
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Story County Genealogical Society
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2021 via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:30 p.m. Twenty-three people participated.

Minutes of the February 2021 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the February financial report.

Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that six new titles have been ordered by the Ames Public Library. They will be cataloged as nonfiction and will be available for check-out. She will submit a list of the titles to be included in the newsletter when the books become available.

Nancy announced that this month's Genealogy PLUS will be on March 17th beginning at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. The program to be presented by Alice Hoyt Veen is titled "Tools of the Trade – Timelines, Tables and Templates." A help session will be offered this month on Wednesday, March 24th beginning at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Mary Lohr and Nancy will provide a review of the society's website followed by open time for genealogical queries.

Mary Lohr informed the group that she and Gwenna Jacobson will be presenting a one session class in the fall through OLLI about the 1950 census.

Nancy announced that OLLI is looking for someone to serve on the curriculum committee. Contact Mary Lohr if interested.

Members Jim and Annette Anderegg were the evening's speakers. They gave an overview of the RootsTech Connect website. Sessions and other site content will be available for viewing at https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/rtc2021/ until the next conference begins in early March of 2022. Selected content of past conferences is also available through a link at the bottom of the web page. A list of sessions

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offered is available at https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/RootsTech/2021/RootsTech-Connect-2021-Sessions-eng.pdf After the presentation several attendees shared thoughts about the conference.

Newsletter editor Dick Cooper announced that he will be publishing the society newsletter year-round. He welcomes articles and especially requested write-ups about local libraries.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
Submitted by Annette Anderegg, secretary

Sorry About That

I have asked a few people who were at the Zoom meeting where I may have mentioned finding the Cambridge, Iowa newspapers and have done some searching for them myself. The bottom line here is that I cannot find them.

I received 2 suggestions:

1. Contact the Cambridge Memorial Library – their phone number is elsewhere in this issue .
2. The Cambridge newspapers MAY be on microfilm at the State Historical Museum of Iowa Library and Archives Research Centers section. It is located at 600 E. Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Please call them at 515-281-5111 before you journey down to Des Moines as they may not be available.

I had several people contact me and ask where I had found these newspapers, but apparently I didn't. Sorry again.

Dick Cooper

Someone's Biography

Looks like this issue of the newsletter won't have a bio about any of our members or anyone else. Please dig deep and write one for the May newsletter. I wrote one for a class project when I was about 12 years old. Maybe you have one from a school project also!!!!!!

Anticipating the 1950 Census Release

by Mary J. Lohr

The countdown has begun to April 1, 2022, the date the 1950 U.S. census is scheduled to be released. Genealogists have long counted on census records for their research and this will be one more useful tool.

Some of the questions asked in the census include the street and house number, name of each person in the household and relationship to the head of the household, sex, color or race, marital status, birthplace, citizen, employment status, hours worked in week, and occupation. In addition, about 5% of the population were asked supplemental questions involving veteran status, birthplace of parents, highest school grade completed, prior residence, fertility, weeks worked in the last year, and income.

The 1950 census is expected to be released in digital format (as was the 1940 census). It will not be searchable by name until indexes are created, a process that could take several months. The census is based on location, but to search by location you will need to determine the Enumeration District.
Steve Morse has a website that may be useful: stevemorse.org (Scroll down a bit on the page to find census information.)

Two interesting facts about the 1950 census:

1. Americans abroad were enumerated for the first time. This included members of the armed forces, crews of vessels, government employees living abroad, etc.
2. The Census Bureau used the UNIVAC I to compile statistics.

Were you one of the 150, 697, 361 persons enumerated in 1950?

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday April 12, 2021
Zoom Meeting (Members Meeting)
6:30 pm

Maps

Speaker: Alice Hoyt Veen

Genealogy Plus
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Wednesday, April 28, 2021
Zoom Meeting
10:00 am – Noon

Genealogy and Computer Help Session

This session will begin with a short presentation on something of interest to everyone.
Remainder of session will be open for assistance with genealogy research.

Non-members, please send an email to check the Website Home page or email
webmanager@storygenes.com
to request the meeting link.

State Historical Society of Iowa Donation

Don't be discouraged about donating your family stories to the State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI) or other genealogy or family history venues. Recently Patricia Coffie, a SCGS member donated the story of a family member to the State Historical Society and it was well received by them. In their letter of acknowledgement of the story and pages of pictures, it was stated that this information "fits perfectly with both of those themes". The State Historical Society thanked the SCGS member for preserving these stories and making them available.

Cambridge Memorial Library

Holy Cow – I think that I struck another gold mine. This month's feature library is the Cambridge Memorial Library in Cambridge, Iowa. They are located at 225 Water Street, Cambridge, Iowa 50046 and the address is P.O. Box 230. More information can be obtained at 515-220-4542 and their web site can be accessed at: http://www.circdeskA@cambridge.lib.ia.us.

The Cambridge Memorial Library was started in 1945 and was located in the north room of the opera house, thanks to the American Legion. In 2018 the library moved to its current location in the new community building and city center. There is room enough for beautiful shelving to hold thousands of books.

The library makes a vast amount of information available through several mediums, the most obvious being the large number of books, magazines and other reading material that is readily available. Some of the Online Resources accessible by computers at the library are:

- eGovernment Resources
- Iowa Resources
- Genealogy Collection
- Subject Guides

Each of these online resources will link to another web page that has many options for the users to access various government information (sites, agencies, officials, health, jobs, taxes etc.). The Iowa Resource link allows users to access much of the same information but for Iowa (agriculture, legal, State Library of Iowa Services, etc.). The Genealogy Collection link contains many links to various (8) websites that contain various genealogical information. The Subject Guides link lists nearly 20 various items that link to further information on that item (sports, kids links, medical and consumer health, travel, career and jobs, etc.).

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The Services link contains information about Interlibrary Loan, DVDs, Use a Computer, For Parents, Programs, Book Clubs and Reading Suggestions. The library has many programs, books and online resources for youth, and they also have the For Parents Service link. This will help parents to work with their children to become better scholars and citizens. [Good idea]

The library also has a vast list of eBooks & Audio from Bridges (Iowa's eLibrary). Bridges has reading material in various media such as ebooks, audiobooks, magazines and videos. There are thousands of titles and subjects available.

Most libraries would not be complete without a calendar of events, and the Cambridge Memorial Library is no exception. They have many events directed toward youth. One of these events is Elementary Early Out Kids – ISU Ext. STEM Grab and Go Bags. Young people can come into the library and Grab a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) packet and the following week tune in for a live Zoom video at 2:30 p.m. with ISU Story County Extension. These activities are geared toward elementary-aged kids.

There is a lot more information on the library's website, too much to mention in this article. I would suggest that you go to the Cambridge Memorial Library's website at: https://www.cambridge.lib.ia.us/ and check out all of the options. Much of this information was taken from their website.

Update: I had a good conversation with the director of the Cambridge Memorial Library. It was mentioned that if anyone needs research assistance, they can reach out to the library directly at their email address (circdesk@cambridge.lib.ia.us) or call at the phone number at the beginning of this article. Expect more updates regarding this library as they are constantly expanding their collections and resources, mostly for kids and their parents as well. They are working on a program called 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Sounds exciting.

2021 SCGS/APL Genealogical Book Purchase

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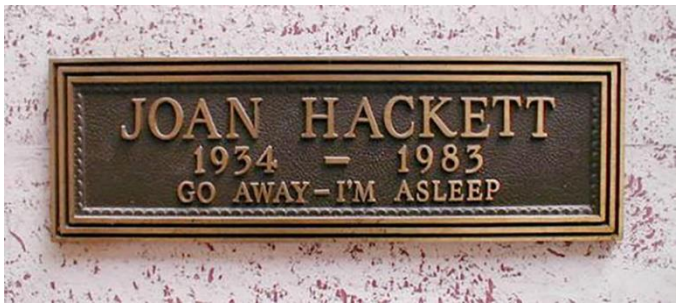
Submitted by Malvina Lutz, SCGS Librarian

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

April – Community College Month
April 1 – Major League Baseball Opening Day
April 2 – Pascua Florida Day (Florida)
April 5 – Gold Start Spouses Day
April 6 – National Tartan Day
April 6 – National Library Workers' Day
April 7 – National Beer Day
April 9 – National Former POW Recognition Day
April 13 – Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
April 14 – Air Force Reserve Birthday (73 years)
April 15 – Tax Day
April 15 – Father Damien Day (Hawaii)
April 16 – Emancipation Day (DC)
April 19 – Patriot's Day (Maine & Massachusetts)
April 19 – Boston Marathon
April 21 – San Jacinto Day (Texas)
April 21 – Administrative Professionals Day
April 22 – Oklahoma Day (Oklahoma)
April 22 – Take our Daughters/Sons to Work Day
April 23 – Army Reserve Birthday (112 years)
April 26 – Confederate Memorial Day (Mississippi, Alabama and Florida)
April 26 – State Holiday (Georgia)
April 30 – Arbor Day (Nebraska)
April 30 – Kentucky Oaks (Sporting Event)
April 30 – National Military Brats Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in March. Visit https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/ for holidays and observances anywhere in the world. Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov)



Some people like to refer to the dead as the sleep, because in a sense they are eternally asleep. This phrase also refers to the dead resting in peace. One thing's for sure, Joan does not want any questions or requests that might disturb her rest.

How Should I Do It??

I would imagine that many genealogists and family historians have already written a story about one or more of their Iowa ancestors (although they may not admit it). They may also be wondering who would be interested in this story aside from family. Well, as it turns out the State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI) in Des Moines has a library and archives for this purpose. As you can imagine, with all of the potential submissions, they must have certain types of binding that are preferrable for their use and storage.

Their statement is that they "can accept any type of binding, but prefer to avoid comb or spiral bindings because they require more processing to make them sturdy enough for the shelf". They further suggest that any new donations "should be submitted through Contact Request Form " on their website. After you locate the Contact Request Form, scroll down until you see a box with the title "Inquiry Regarding", click on the dropdown menu and click on "Donating to Collection". The Contact Request Form can be found at the following URL: Contact Request Form | IDCA (iowaculture.gov)

When you complete the Contact Request Form, you will receive a list of requirements for the item(s) that you wish to submit. In the picture below from left to right you will see "perfect", spiral and comb bindings. This may give you an idea what the SHSI mentions when they talk to you about bindings. As always, there is much more information available from SHSI; much more than can be mentioned here.

Editor's Desk (cluttered)

I can safely say that in my younger years, I didn't see ads on TV or computers about personal produces. Well, today both mediums abound with these ads. Most of us have seen these ads on the TV, but today I was reading the "news" on the computer a story from a woman that made a trip to Japan. The story notes that she was surprised and enlightened when she found that all Japanese restrooms are equipped with a Bidet rather than toilet paper. This lady thought that the ClearRear™ Bidet toilet attachment was the best thing since sliced bread. I don't intend to talk about bidets, I am only suggesting that you be creative when you search for various items concerning genealogy and/or family history. Use words or word combinations that you may not have used before.

As Nancy Long pointed out in her article, March was a great learning month: RootsTech, Forms and Templates, SHSI regular programs and History Camp™. Many genealogy and family history outlets are having virtual programs so everyone has a chance to watch them. History Camp has a virtual program every Thursday evening – https://histsorycamp.org. You can use your web browser and search for genealogy virtual programs or other combinations of words or states. Now is the time to step up and take advantage of these virtual programs; whether they be on computer programs or any other genealogy subject.

I'm not certain that we will have the scheduled Genealogy Plus presentation on April 21st. The presentation was scheduled to inform members of how to prepare for our May trip to the Parks Library's resources at ISU. The pandemic has gotten in the way again – the trip to the Parks Library will probably be cancelled as they aren't open. There are several other topics that your SCGS Board has been discussing but not sure at this time what the program will be. If you see a line of question marks in the place where the program description would normally go on page 3, you will know why.

You may notice a little more humor in this issue than past issues. I figured with Covid and everything else that's going on, we need a little more humor in or lives.

40 Old Time illnesses and Their Current Names

Ablepsy: blindness
Ague: flu-like symptoms likely caused by malaria
Apoplexy: stroke
Barrel fever: alcoholism
Biliousness: jaundice
Black dog: depression
Blood poisoning: sepsis or septicemia
Breakbone: dengue fever
Bronze John: yellow fever
Camp fever: typhus
Chalkstones: swelling with pain that probably was caused by rheumatoid arthritis or gout
Congestive fever: malaria
Consumption: tuberculosis
Domestic malady: depression or another sort of emotional breakdown
Dropsy: swelling caused by fluid retention
Dropsy of the brain: encephalitis
Double personality: manic depressive
Falling sickness: epilepsy
French pox: syphilis
Frigid: Low sex drive
Green sickness or green fever: anemia
Grip, gripe or grippe: flu
Idiot savant: Developmentally delayed and exceptionally talented
Jail fever: typhus
Leprosy: Hansen's disease
Lumbago: back pain
Mad cow: Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
Melancholia: severe depression
Mortification: gangrene
Palsy: problems with muscle control, such as tremors or paralysis
Quincy or Quinsy: tonsillitis
Retarded: developmentally or cognitively delayed
Scrumpox: impetigo
Ship fever: typhus
St Vitus dance: chorea.
Swine flu: H1N1 virus
Change of life: menopause
The shakes: Parkinson's disease
Winter fever: pneumonia
Went under: had anesthesia

Source: www.verywell.com

Check out additional links to lists of old time illnesses and causes of death at:
https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/what-is-that-weird-word-as-cause-of-death

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Many genealogists ask about the numbers on death certificates. In a previous article in this newsletter, the ICD codes were discussed. These are the "secret" numbers on many death certificates since 1898. They indicate a general reason for death. Many websites offer these numbers but you can get a list plus descriptions of the numbering system at: ICD Codes on Death Certificates Can Tell You How Your Ancestors Died (familyhistorydaily.com). The list shown above has been copied from www.TheAncestorHunt.com. The other website shown in red inside the box with the list of ailments will show many things about health, but this link will show many diseases in alphabetical order: All Health - Symptoms, Diagnosis, & Treatment (verywellhealth.com).

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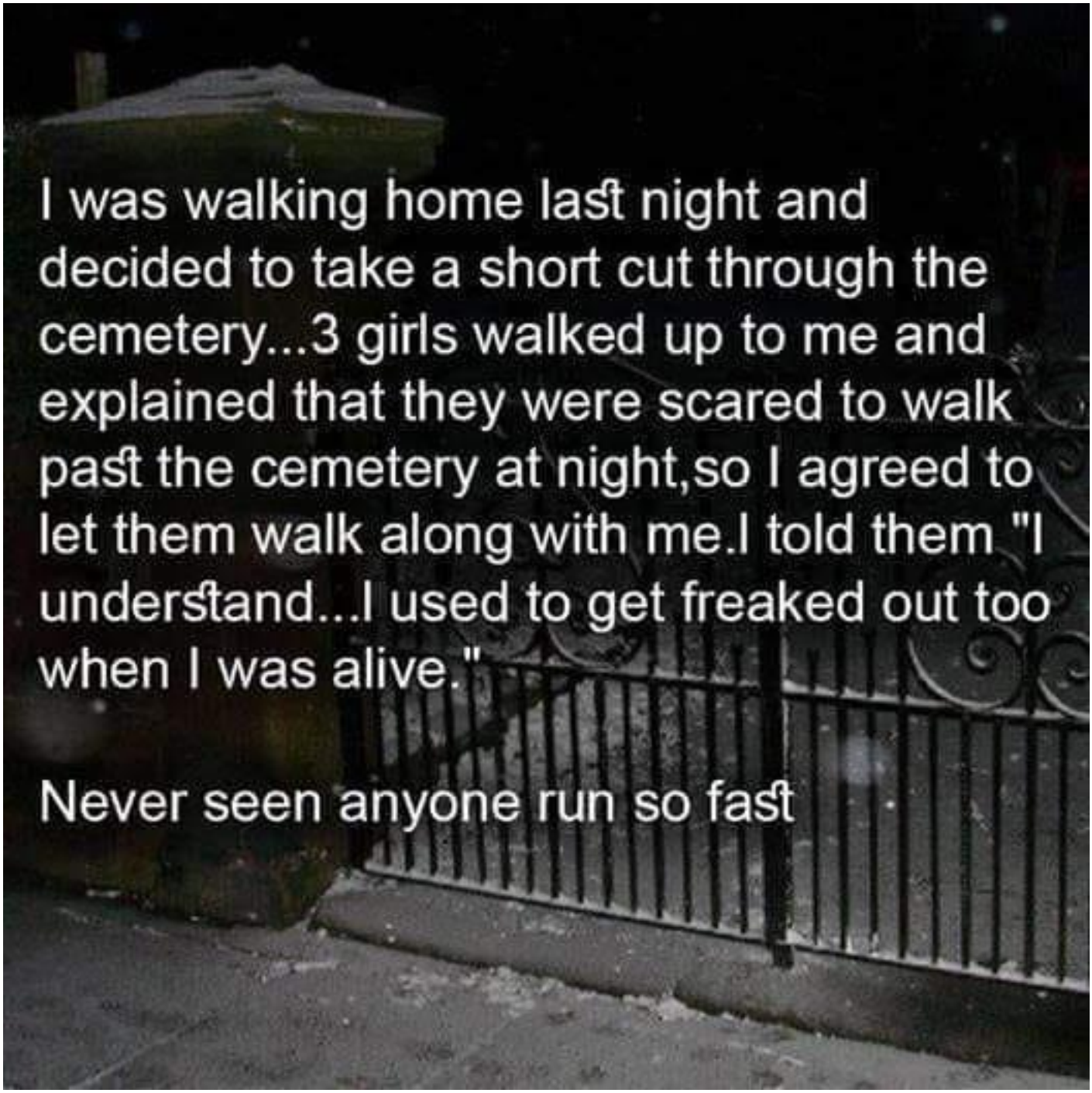
I was walking home last night and decided to take a short cut through the cemetery...3 girls walked up to me and explained that they were scared to walk past the cemetery at night,so I agreed to let them walk along with me.I told them "I understand...I used to get freaked out too when I was alive."
Never seen anyone run so fast

Ames Mayors - SCGS Word Search #29

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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Allan	DeHart	Jones	Rice	Turner
Baker	Evans	Lawlor	Schleiter	Underwood
Campbell	Fellinger	Lucas	Sheldon	Watts
Chamberlain	Goodland	Manning	Smith	West
Clark	Graves	Newbrough	Tedesco	Wilson
Cramer	Greeley	Paine	Thompson	

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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____Birthday: ____/____/_____

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President's Message

I usually wait until we have had all three of our meetings to write something for the newsletter. Sometimes it gets pretty late in the month and I am sure Dick is thinking, I am waiting on her again. Thanks for your patience, Dick. We have had excellent and very informative programs this year and I have learned something at all of them, but the Help Session this week really got me to thinking. Mary Lohr mentioned that she was taught by a past member that we should find all you can about a relative or family before you start researching across the pond. That made so much sense and I am going to try and do that. We talked a lot about writing your own Story and I had been thinking about that also. The things you remember growing up can be historical as well as informative. We also talked about what you might do with your Story after you have written it if no family members seem to be interested. Local Historical Societies, Libraries, Iowa Genealogy Society or State Historical Society were a few of the places mentioned. Some have more guidelines to go by than others. Just check to see what they are.

I have on my To Do List to locate the farm where my Grandmother grew up near Polk City. I might even find the farm where my father was born south of Maxwell. I am still trying to locate information about White Oak school which was located in Polk County. I have some Museums and Libraries I want to visit when things open again for research. Until then I will add to my To Do List and keep using the online sources we have been taught about this last year.

I am going to keep adding to my To Do List and start writing my Story.

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday 10, 2021
6:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

War of 1812 Will be Discussed
See Page 3

Genealogy Plus!
Wednesday May 19, 2021
10:00 AM - Noon
Zoom Meeting

What You Don't Find on a Tombstone
See Page 3

Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday May 26, 2021
10:00 AM - Noon
Zoom Help Session
See Page 3

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes April 11, 2021 via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:33 p.m. Twenty-three people participated.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the March financial report. It will be filed for audit.

Minutes of the March 2021 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that all books ordered in February have arrived. Cost of the books is split between Story County Genealogical Society and the library. The six new titles are available for check-out at the Ames Public Library. Suggestions of titles for next year's order may be given to her verbally or by email.

President Nancy Long informed the group that the society board approved a donation to the Ames Public Library in appreciation for their support.

Nancy announced that this month's Genealogy PLUS will be on April 21st beginning at 10:00 a.m via Zoom. The program topic will be preparing for a trip to a library. The help session will be on Wednesday, April 28th beginning at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Mary Lohr will review log-in and password recovery on the society's website. Open time for help with genealogical questions or problems will follow. A program planning meeting will be held on April 24nd at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate. Contact Mary Lohr for an invitation to that Zoom meeting

Alice Hoyt Veen presented the evening's program. Her topic was "Maps – Putting the Past in Place." She explained how maps can be beneficial to genealogical research. She highlighted several types of maps and provided information about online resources for historic maps. The syllabus for her presentation is available in the member's section of the society's website.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Annette Anderegg, secretary

Memorial Day Remembered

Written by Andy Rooney
Forwarded by Dick Cooper, SCGS member

Many of you remember Andy A. Rooney, formerly of *60 Minutes* editorial fame. He wrote several books that deal with his unusual way of looking at many subjects. I thought of genealogy when I read Section VI, "*Memorial Day*" of his book *The Most of Andy Rooney*.

In the final 4 paragraphs of the "Memorial Day" article, he discussed the importance of Memorial Day, some of the history and reasons. The following statements close out this section of his *Memorial Day* article and I feel that they are very appropriate to genealogy purposes for visiting cemeteries:

"I remember my father and mother, of course, and I remember their fathers and mothers. But who remembers my grandfathers' and grandmothers' grandfathers' and grandmothers'? Or theirs? Not me, and in the long hard history of the world, that isn't much time.

"It's all too much to consider-and too depressing. "I suspect the best thoughts of old friends come not on specific days set aside for remembering them, but from the things we used to do with them and from the special way we do things because that was the way *they* did them. The life they lived is now part of our own.

"It's about the only kind of memorial that means much."

The Most of Andy Rooney
Published by Galahad Books, New York, NY
Copyright © 1986 by Essay Productions
ISBN: 0-88365-765-1

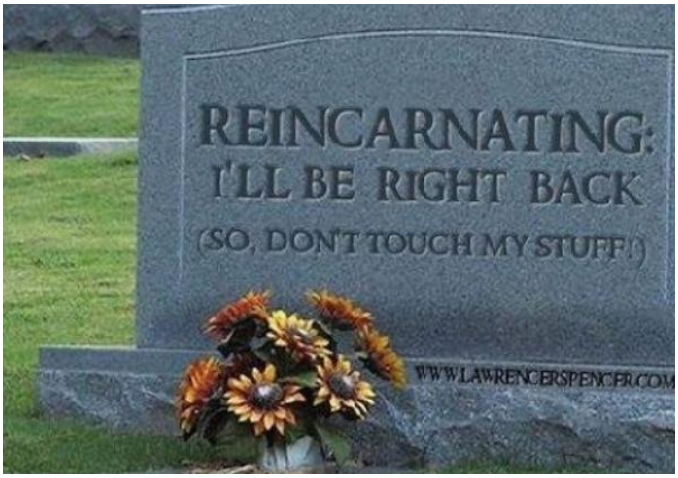
A Note About Emails from SCGS

Have you noticed an increase of emails from SCGS in your inbox during the past year?

For each scheduled SCGS activity via Zoom, we're sending an email with the meeting link about a week before the event and another one 24-48 hours prior to the event. (Sometimes email gets deleted or buried in a long list of new messages, so the follow-up one is a friendly reminder.)

The blast email program we're using is through our website, and, while it is a useful feature allowing us to communicate quickly with our members, it does have a limitation. We're not able to customize the email list so, as a result, emails end up going to all our members. We're trying to keep our members informed about SCGS activities but we realize not all members will be attending all the virtual programs. ***If you receive an item that does not interest you, please just delete it.***

Submitted by Mary J. Lohr, SCGS Web Manager



All you need is a dead man being reincarnated into an angry bee. Could you imagine a deranged bee flying around your head all the time only to find out that it's actually your great uncle Alastor who told you he would figure out how to come back?

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday May 10, 2021
Zoom Meeting (Members Meeting)
6:30 pm

Genealogy Resources from the War of 1812

From bounty land to pensions, there are no shortage of genealogical records for soldiers from the War of 1812. Learn how and why these records were created, how to make sense of them and what those records can contain for your ancestors!

Speaker: Brian Rhinehart

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Genealogy Plus
Wednesday May 19, 2021
Zoom Meeting
10:00 am

What You Don't Find on a Tombstone

Speaker: Patricia Coffie

Registration:
Genealogy Plus | Ames Public Library
Or
SCGS Website – Events Page

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Genealogy and Computer Help Session
Wednesday May 26, 2021
Zoom Meeting
10:00 am

This session will begin with a short presentation on a subject of interest to everyone.
Remainder of session will be open for assistance with genealogy research or computer situations.

Non-members, please send an email to check the Website Home page or email webmanager@storygenes.com to request the meeting link.

New Website Hosting Company for SCGS

by Mary J. Lohr

The Story County Genealogical Society website (storygenes.com) has been hosted at EasyNetSites (ENS) since July 2017. Recently ENS was sold to Blue Crab Software, a software development company headquartered in Maryland.

The SCGS Executive Board has decided to stay with ENS/Blue Crab Software for the present time. Our Society is billed on an annual basis. The Board also decided to retain control of the storygenes.com domain name and not move it to the hosting company.

What will happen in the future? For now, there have not been very many changes with the hosting company, but that will likely change somewhat as software is updated and improvements are implemented. (One of these being discussed is a more friendly mobile website version.)

In the meantime, SCGS has implemented a backup of the website (storygenes.org) in preparation for any changes. This backup site is just intended as a place holder in the event we decide to move to another hosting site. It lacks the "bells and whistles" of the ENS site and is not as user friendly.

Just like the Iowa weather, the field of genealogy and technology is evolving and we can expect to experience changes to the website and other online activities. Indeed, the only constant *is* change!

A Reprieve.—The Governor of New York has granted a reprieve of one month to Wilbur, who was to have executed on the 23d inst. for the murder of Barber, to enable his counsel to apply to the Supreme Court for a new trial.—The application is based upon evidence that the jury had *two bottles of rum* in their room while deliberating on their verdict.

From
Springfield MA Republican Newspaper
May 25, 1839

Program Planning Meetings

Several of the members of SCGS met recently to review Lyle Hammes' extensive list of proposed programs that would extend from September 2021 thru May 2022. These program ideas would encompass presentations for the regular Monday night meetings and also Genealogy Plus presentation for each month. Of course, we have not planned any programs for June, July, August and December as meetings are not normally scheduled for these months, but you never know so watch your email.

The list of programs was quite extensive and the final list that the Zoom attendees finalized contain presentations on:

- ✓ Family History Center of Ames
- ✓ Brick Walls (open forum)
- ✓ Mayflower presentation
- ✓ Researching female ancestors
- ✓ Research in a European country
- ✓ Researching courthouses
- ✓ Immigration patterns
- ✓ Review of genealogy software
- ✓ Central Iowa Norwegians
- ✓ Preparing for the 1950 US Census
- ✓ DNA explained
- ✓ Stories in the stones (cemetery)
- ✓ Ames Public Library resources, etc.
- ✓ Trip to the Iowa Historical Society

Of-course the presenters for these topics must be contacted and agree to the topic (or a similar one). These are the subjects as they stand now. There may be some presenters who may be unavailable for a certain subject(s). For that reason, SCGS is open to hear any ideas of good presenters that can talk on a subject relating to genealogy. If you have any ideas, please email me at: coopsnames@gmail.com or SCGS' program director at: lylehammeslineage@gmail.com.

Comment Made in the Year 1957

"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are. it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for $20."

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As of this writing, these books are at the Ames Public Library and are being catalogued for general circulation. The can all be checked out.

Submitted by Malvina Lutz, SCGS Librarian

Also, don't forget the books that were donated to the Ames Public Library by the group called OFG (Old Folks Group) in Luanne Endreland's memory. They are:

- Practical Genealogy
- The Family Tree Historical Newspapers guide
- Referencing for Genealogists
- Tracing your Female Ancestry
- Genealogy Standards

Also, Bertha Bartlett Library:

- Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com
- Your Step-by-Step Guide to Ancestry.com

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. It complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Father's Day, Siblings Day, and Grandparents Day.

The idea for Mother's Day started in the 1850s. Ann Reeves Jarvis had mother's day work clubs where women tried to fight disease and bad milk. They also helped make hurt soldiers better during the Civil War. After the war, Ann made Mother's Day Friendship picnics and Mother's Friendship Day for the women from both sides of the war.

In 1908 after her mother died, Anna Jarvis made the first Mother's Day celebration in Grafton, West Virginia. People also celebrated in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and many other cities. For six years, Anna made the celebration bigger until President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday in 1914.

The U.S.-derived modern version of Mother's Day has been criticized for having become too commercialized. Founder Jarvis herself regretted this commercialism and expressed views on how that was never her intention.

Information taken from Wikipedia.org

Editor's note: Most people will never realize the importance of their mother and the influence she had in our lives. The realization generally comes when mother is gone. Re-read the quote above "motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers". Think about it, especially today, especially for those who have a motherly-type of influence over children.

Surnames Being Researched

The Questions:

- Would you like to know which surnames other SCGS members are searching?
- Do you ever wonder if other SCGS members are researching the same family lines as you are?

The Answer: That option is available through the SCGS website! (www.storygenes.com) Listed on the left-hand menu, the **Surname Research** choice will take you to a list of names SCGS members have submitted they are researching. Optionally, a location may also be listed to narrow the focus of the research.

While this list is available to the public, only SCGS members can submit names to be listed. (That's a benefit of SCGS membership!) Do you see a name that may be in your ancestral line and want to make an inquiry? Click on the envelope icon and you can submit your comments which will then be sent to the SCGS member.

The name and email of the SCGS member are NOT revealed via the website. When a member receives an inquiry, it is their preoperative if and how they wish to respond. (Hint: to keep your email private, you could establish and respond from a separate free account on Hot Mail or Google used just for this purpose.)

For SCGS members who want to add the surnames they are researching to the list, just sign in under the Members section, chose Profile, and then select the surname tab. Questions or problems? Send an email to webmanager@storygenes.com for assistance.

Comment Made in the Year 1957

"I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind.' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it.

Editor's Desk (genealogy to file)

Here I thought that April had 31 days and I wanted to finish the newsletter on Saturday and send it Saturday so I would be in time for the 1st of May – no such luck.

In the next issue (hope) I will try to do an article on The Ancestor Hunt. I'm certain that there has been an article in this newsletter on it before, but when I found it again recently, I scanned through it and found many, many references to items like newspapers, directories, various records and many other items that are of interest to most genealogists. Follow the red link above to find out if there is something that you might be interested in.

I think that warm weather is here (hopefully to stay for a few months). Today the spring breeze is more like a wind, but better than snow!!

Please see the registration instructions for the Genealogy Plus on page 3. SCGS certainly doesn't want to leave anyone out of our presentations so be sure to register so you can attend them.

History Camp Iowa is another new-found history source. They have six locations: Boston, Colorado, Virginia, Philadelphia, Iowa and Massachusetts. The History Camp Iowa is available each Thursday night at 8pm Eastern time (7pm Central time). For more information, go to their website at: History Camp Iowa 2021 - History Camp®.

As many of you will notice, I decided to put a 'twist' into the Word Search this time and for the next 2 after this. The names shown at the bottom of the Word Search are the most popular names in the 2000 US Census and they are in order of the most popular. This means that the names are not in alphabetical order – little more difficult.

SCGS has had some very interesting presentations lately. In April we had a very extensive presentation on Maps from Alice Hoyt Veen – complete with a handout with information and many resource sources. April also had Megan Klein-Hewitt and Lorrie Pellack from the Ames Public Library and ISU Library respectively. They told us of many useful resources available in both locations and other great information.

Roland PUBLIC LIBRARY

I have always known that libraries contain many, many books, but I never realized the extent of the items that many libraries have in addition to books for entertainment, and also how many libraries are located across this nation, especially in Iowa. I came across the Roland Public Library when I was just meandering the many highways and gravel roads in Story County. The Roland Public Library (pictured below) is located at 221 N Main St, Roland, Iowa 50236. It is located next to the Post Office and across the street from the Roland Community and City Hall. The website address is: https://www.roland.lib.ia.us and as you can see from the picture, the large windows in the front make it very inviting for everyone.

The library is open from Monday-Friday from 10am to 7pm and Saturday from 9am to 1pm. The library also has a meeting room (pictured below) for library sponsored activities. The Roland Public Library's telephone number is 515-388-4086 and their email address is: rolandlib@globalccs.net.

The Roland Library has many of the same features available to users that other libraries have: fax, print, copy, interlibrary loans, computer use, and local genealogy. They also have featured events for youth of all ages. Other resources (generally available via computer) include Credo, Transparent Language, Brainfuse, Iowa Gale Pages, PowerSearch, Academic OneFile, Agriculture Collection, Books & Authors, Business Economics and Theory and many other resources that young people need to know about.

BRIDGES Iowa's eLibrary

The library also participates in Bridges, Iowa's eLibrary, the eBook, audiobook, and streaming video buying consortium for Iowa public libraries. The State Library of Iowa facilitates the program and manages the contract on behalf of participating libraries.

IOWA LIBRARIES ADVENTURE PASS explore

The Iowa Libraries Adventure Pass is an online program that allows library patrons to use their library cards to visit area attractions, museums, and parks for free. The Roland Public Library currently has passes available to the Blank Park Zoo, Reiman Gardens, and the Science Center of Iowa. Passes are available 24/7 through our website, and reservations can be made up to 90 days in advance. You must have a valid Roland Library card to participate through our program. Click on the Adventure Pass icon for more information and to reserve your passes.

Of course, a library wouldn't be complete without a Calendar of Events and a method to search for the topic of the book you want. The Roland Public Library has these items too. The Calendar of Events is exactly what it means and it can be found by using the Events link on the home page. The Search feature is on the front page also – click on Search Catalog in the top, right corner. In the Search feature, you can search by title, author, subject and several other topics – and yes there are genealogy books in the Roland Public Library also.

Genealogist's Disease

WARNING: Genealogy Pox
(Very contagious to adults)

SYMPTOMS: Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote, desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls, hides phone bills from spouse and mumbles to self. Has strange, faraway look in eyes.

NO KNOWN CURE

TREATMENT: Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

REMARKS: The unusual nature of this disease is- the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it!

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

May 2021 – National Bike Month
May 1 – Kentucky Derby
May 1 – Law Day
May 1 – Loyalty Day
May 1 – National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day
May 1 – Lei Day (Hawaii)
May 1 – First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
May 2-8 – Public Service Recognition Week
May 4 – Kent State Shootings Remembrance (Ohio)
May 4 – Rhode Island Independence Day (Rhode Island)
May 5 – Cinco de Mayo
May 6 – National Nurses Day
May 6 – National Day of Prayer
May 7 & 8 – Truman Day (Missouri)
May 7 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day
May 8 – Victory in Europe Day
May 9 – Mother's Day
May 10 – Confederate Memorial Day (N Carolina)
May 10 – Confederate Memorial Day (S Carolina)
May 14 – Native American Day (Wyoming)
May 15 – Peace Officers Memorial Day
May 15 – Armed Forces Day
May 15 – Preakness Stakes
May 17 – Tax Day
May 19 – Emergency Medical Services for Children Day
May 21 – National Defense Transportation Day
May 22 – National Maritime Day
May 22 – Harvey Milk Day (California)
May 25 – National Missing Children's Day
May 31 – Memorial Day (Federal Holiday)
May 31 – Jefferson Davis' Birthday (Mississippi)

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in March. Visit https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/ for holidays and observances anywhere in the world. Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov)

SCGS Word Search #30 – Top 35 Names from 2000 US Census - #1

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

SMITH	GARCIA	HERNANDEZ	LEE	PEREZ
JOHNSON	RODRIGUEZ	MOORE	GONZALEZ	HALL
WILLIAMS	WILSON	MARTIN	HARRIS	YOUNG
BROWN	MARTINEZ	JACKSON	CLARK	ALLEN
JONES	ANDERSON	THOMPSON	LEWIS	SANCHEZ
MILLER	TAYLOR	WHITE	ROBINSON	WRIGHT
DAVIS	THOMAS	LOPEZ	WALKER	KING

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Name(s): _____

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Phone: _____ email: _____Birthday: ____/____/_____

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President's Message

I didn't have any ancestors in this country during the War of 1812. I know I had a great grandfather who fought in the Civil War and hopefully I will remember to check Fold 3 during the Memorial Day week end when it is free. Good to know I should understand some of the records, if I find some.

I have pages of prompts for writing my Story. The next step is to start writing these stories, but I have started the process.

Our newsletter editor, Dick Cooper has volunteered to continue putting out a newsletter again this summer. So, if you have run across something you want to share or if you want to share a part of your story, feel free to send these items to Dick.

Nancy

What is the Difference?

Armed Forces Day is for military personnel still wearing their uniform.

Veterans Day is for military personnel who hung up their uniform and are now Veterans.

Memorial Day is for military personnel who never made it out of their uniform to come back home.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

For the months of June, July and August, Story County Genealogical Society (SCGS) normally "rests" so that members can do other searching (like cemeteries, courthouses and libraries) during the nice weather.

During these 3 months, SCGS may not have regular meetings but the newsletter will continue through the summer so that members can be kept aware of happenings. Consequently, if you have findings of interest to other genealogists, please send them to the newsletter editor at newsletter@storygenes.com. REMEMBER: Our ancestors didn't rest in the summer months, so maybe we shouldn't either.

The SCGS Board of Directors has decided to have a Summer Help Session on Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. WATCH YOUR EMAIL!!!!

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes May 10, 2021 via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:30 p.m. Twenty-four people participated.

Brian Rhinehart was the evening's speaker. His topic was "Navigating the Records from the War of 1812." He spoke about the different types of records available, how they can be helpful to researchers and where they can be accessed. The handout for his presentation is in the members section of the society's website. He may be contacted through his website www.CivilWarRecords.com.

The society's business meeting was held following the speaker's presentation.

Minutes of the April 2021 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the April financial report. It will be filed for audit.

Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that the six new books ordered in cooperation with the library have arrived and are available for check-out. The titles were listed in the April and May newsletters.

President Nancy Long announced that this month's Genealogy PLUS will be on May 19th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. via Zoom. Participants need to register through the library. The program "What You Won't Find on a Tombstone" will be presented by Patricia Coffie. The help session will be on Wednesday, May 26th beginning at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. There is no scheduled topic planned at this point. Suggestions may be given to Nancy. Open time for help with genealogical questions or problems will be available.

Lyle Hammes, vice-president for programming, requested that those responsible for contacting speakers submit the speaker form to him as soon as possible.

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Dick Cooper, newsletter editor, will publish the newsletter during the summer. He requested article submissions, particularly member biographies and information about libraries in Story County.

Nancy Long announced that the board had decided to hold an evening help session in June. More information is to come.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
Submitted by Annette Anderegg, secretary

What is History Camp?

Since 2015, History Camp Iowa has been held annually in Des Moines. Our most recent event welcomed more than 100 passionate history enthusiasts who came together to share their stories in two dozen sessions and joined us on outings to historic sites in and around Des Moines.

History Camp Iowa is an independent event, organized entirely by volunteers under the History Camp un-conference model.

We do not have any in-person History Camps currently scheduled. In the meantime, please join us on Thursday nights at 8pm, Eastern, for **History Camp Discussions**—discussions with some of the most interesting people in history—and sign-up for updates about us for **History Camp America 2021**, online!

The information shown above was taken from the History Camp Iowa website (History Camp Iowa - History Camp®). You can find more information about History Camp by following the links above and also learn about History Camp in other locations of the United States.

Comments Made in the Year 1957

"When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."

"Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"

But Google Said …

Genealogists are familiar with similar names for persons, but locations names can also be confusing.

A researcher recently contacted me via phone for assistance in locating a record of a marriage that he thought occurred in 1939 in Story County. He went on to relate he had checked the surrounding counties of Pershing, Washoe, and Mineral. None of these names sounded familiar as Iowa counties.

Then I recalled there is a "Storey" County in the state of Nevada.

We resolved the mystery when he realized he had mistaken Story County with a county seat of the town of Nevada in Iowa with the county of Storey located in the state of Nevada. He attributed the error to his quick search on the Internet! It brought to mind the saying, "just the same, but different."

submitted by Mary J. Lohr

IMPORTANT

FHC Reopening

The Ames Family History Center located at 2524 Hoover Avenue in Ames will reopen on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Open hours will be Noon – 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Appointments may be made for additional visit times.

Please check the center's FamilySearch Wiki page for contact information at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ames_Iowa_Family_History_Center or send inquiries via email to IA_Ames@familyhistorymail.org

Thanks!

Comment Made in the Year 1957

"Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for $75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."

Another Hero of SCGS

STORY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Ames, Iowa – Genealogy Plus!

The final Genealogy Plus session of the season will be Wednesday, May 19 at 10:00 AM CDT.

Topic: What You Don't Find on a Tombstone

Speaker: Patricia Rose Ballard Coffie

"Patricia Coffie was born interested and Iowan... and she tells stories!."

She began telling formally in 1976 and still telling after all these years.

Registration is co-sponsored and handled through the Ames Public Library. You will be sent the meeting link about a day before the presentation.
To register use the following link:

https://amespubliclibrary.org/events/genealogy-plus-21

Editor's Note: This notice appeared in many newspapers and other media to spread the word about SCGS' Genealogy Plus for May 19, 2021. Our Publicity Chairman does a really great job of making sure that everyone knows about SCGS and what we do.
Thank You

Meet Rita Lindahl

My name is Rita Lindahl. I'm originally from Hibbing, Minnesota. Transplanted here in Iowa in 1965 with my husband and 2 sons. I have always loved history and especially family history.

I was recently asked to submit a brief biography of myself, so members would know a little about me. So here goes (hopefully brief) my story.

I was born in the early 40's in Hibbing, Minnesota. A twin with one older sister who passed away in 2016 (more on this later). I didn't realize what a town Hibbing was until years later when I had moved away to Ames, Iowa and would return home to visit my family. My parents are Swede (father) and Italian (mother).

Hibbing was a mining town when I was young. Although history shows it started as a lumber town in about 1882. The owner of the lumber yard could care less about the mineral rights under his timber. Little did he know that he was sitting on Iron Ore! And with the age of mechanization, it would become much more valuable.

My town of Hibbing became familiar for many reasons. In the early 1900's (about 1920), and because of the rich ore under the town, they literally moved it miles south so they could mine the iron ore under it. It was quite a spectacular sight to see the huge buildings being pulled by steam driven machines several miles to the New Hibbing. I have photos.

Those "open pit" iron ore mines have been come to be known as the "GRAND CANYON of the North". My dad drove one of those 35-ton Euclid trucks up and down those switchback roads hauling ore out. No power steering and hard work. The tires alone are 6 ft. tall. He worked there from the mid 30's until the late 60's. The first iron ore shipped out of those mines in 1892!

My paternal grandparents had to abandon their home and move elsewhere also. My grandfathers and grandmothers were all immigrants from Sweden/Finland and Italy/Austria. They immigrated in the early 1900's. My paternal grandfather worked in the mines and paternal grandmother was a homemaker. My maternal grandfather owned several businesses, from hauling freight with horses to being a janitor. My maternal grandmother was a homemaker. My paternal grandparents passed away before my parents married. But I did spend many wonderful days with my maternal grandparents in their home in Hibbing and at their farm.

I attended Catholic school through 8th grade. And then transferred to public school. Our high school was and still is, a grand building. Our Catholic church much the same. We have those large mining companies to mostly thank for helping to finance the building of same.

What do I remember about those days? The "Greyhound Bus" company was started in Hibbing, MN. We had a famous baseball player come from Hibbing, Roger Maris. We had a Hibbing man become Governor, Rudy Perpich. The first "bookmobile" was started in Hibbing, MN in in 1919. And I'm sure you'll all be tickled to hear that I went

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to school with Bob Zimmerman, aka Bob Dylan. Did I ever meet him? Yes. He was a senior, I was a junior. The school had a talent show. He put on quite a performance using the piano. Some of us thought about how talented he was, others not so much. But as I was waiting outside the school for my parents to pick me up, he came out carrying his guitar (which he hadn't used) and we spoke for a few minutes before he went off to his car. I told him how much I enjoyed his performance. I wonder if he remembers that young girl. LOL! Anyway, we have a museum of his accomplishments and a restaurant called "Zimmy's" in town now. Google Hibbing! You may want to make a visit!

After moving to Iowa, I divorced and married my late husband, Richard. He had 3 children and I had 4, so now we had a "blended family" of 7 children. He was a rural person. We loved horses. We raised, showed and rode or drove quarter horses, mules, donkeys, Shetland ponies and finally miniature horses. Many were brought to National Champions. In 2012 we gave them all up due to my husband's health and moved to town. I lost my soulmate in May of 2017.

I've had a wonderful life, but my love for genealogy brought me some awesome joy! In March of 2018, I found a ½ sister I didn't know I had. Through us each doing our DNA test with Ancestry, we found each other. She was 9 years older than me and a huge secret in my mother's family. As it often happens my mom had to give up the child or else. It took her over 5 years before she finally relinquished her parental rights. When I found out, it resulted in an immediate email and then a phone call, followed by visits. This sister I call "Vonnie" lived in Duluth, MN until her passing in March of this year. We had so much conversation! So many laughs, so much history to share. We had 3 wonderful years. I am very close to my new 3 nieces and 1 nephew. So now when I make my trek to Hibbing, MN., I also take a small detour to Duluth to see my new family.

Thank you for allowing me to get this story told. I helped my husband write his autobiography in 2001, and have been told I should do the same, so maybe, just maybe, this will give me the courage to do just that.

Editor's Notes:

Rita also wrote an article that appeared in the February 2021 SCGS newsletter regarding Luanne Endreland's passing and books that were donated in her name to the Ames Public Library and the Bertha Bartlett Public Library. In our exchange of emails, Rita mentioned that she may write her autobiography while she is wintering in Arizona.

Rita's bio as shown in this newsletter is a good example of something that Patricia Coffie said in her May19th Genealogy Plus presentation about ways to view a personal story. She stated that after you write your personal story, read it again carefully and you will find that there are many stories within your story that you can expand upon. In other words, there are probably many stories within your personal story. These other stories are ones that can be expanded to have more information and detail than you may have given in your original story about yourself.

Flag Day

June 14th is the anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official US flag in 1777. On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14TH of every year. Many Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the Red, White and Blue in front of homes and businesses. The day commemorates the **adoption of the Stars and Stripes** as the official flag of the United States.

Flag Day **highlights the symbolism of the country's foundational ideals and nation's freedom**. It honors the United States flag as that symbol and an opportunity for the country to **reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice**. People honor this day displaying the American flag outside their homes and in public.

Letters That We Like to Get

Thank you so much for the packet of great information I received from you! And please also extend my sincere thanks to all the researchers of the Story County Genealogical Society! I appreciate you all so much! I also wanted to thank you for taking the time to look into Daniel Maxwell when you traveled to Des Moines for other research. That was so kind of you!

I really appreciate the links you included in your letter. I know much more now than when I started, thanks to you all. I was really intrigued to hear about a reference to a Maxwell Family Bible, even if its whereabouts are presently unknown. Also, thanks for the great suggestion to contact the Allen County Public Library!

My kids really enjoy the "Back to the Future" movies from the 1980s. (It amuses me how a lot of things that were popular from my 80s childhood are now getting popular with today's kids again.) They love the concept of time travel. I told them that in real life, genealogy is how we can time travel and "meet" people from the past. Thanks to you all in Story County for guiding us and so many other people on our journeys to the past!

We hope at some point to take a car trip to Story County and explore the area. Hopefully, the pandemic situation will continue to improve and it can be sooner rather than later.

Best wishes to you all from your friend,

What is D-Day and Memorial Day?

The Americans entered WWII in December 1941. During World War II (1939-1945), the Battle of Normandy, which lasted from June 1944 to August 1944, resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control. Codenamed Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day, when some 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history and required extensive planning. Prior to D-Day, the Allies conducted a large-scale deception campaign designed to mislead the Germans about the intended invasion target. By late August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring the Allies had defeated the Germans. The Normandy landings have been called the beginning of the end of war in Europe.

The Allied assault included 6,000 ships and landing craft, 50,000 vehicles and 11,000 planes. Code names for the beaches along the Normandy coast were Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword. British forces largely took Sword and Gold, Canadians led Juno and American forces took charge of Utah and Omaha.

From D-Day until August 21, when Paris, located about 118 miles away, was liberated, 72,911 Allied service members were killed or missing and 153,475 were wounded.

May 31, 2021 is Memorial Day in the United States. That day is specifically set aside to honor the men and women who have died in battle while serving in the military. Veterans Day is set aside to remember all veterans who have served – in wartime or peacetime – regardless of whether they died or survived. Veterans Day is observed on November 11th of each year

Remembrance of all military personnel who have died or served their country as a military member, they joined the military to defend the freedom we enjoy today. With that freedom goes the responsibility for us to pursue not just remembrance, but renewal.

History Camp America 2021

Online! Saturday, July 10, 2021, 8:45 am to 5 pm Eastern

Sign up to be notified when registration opens.

If you have a passion for history, History Camp is for you. It's a unique opportunity to spend a day with others from all walks of life who have a passion for history, from authors, teachers, genealogists, and students, to park rangers, museum volunteers, librarians, and individuals from other professions and backgrounds.

Since our first History Camp in 2014, history enthusiasts of all stripes have been enthralled by our casual conference format. This format encourages a wide variety of topics and participants learn about history and new research, engage with history in unique ways, share what they love about history, and challenge everyone to think about history in new ways.

Word about our History Camp model quickly spread and History Camps soon followed in Colorado, Virginia, the Pioneer Valley, and Iowa (the last two organized by local groups under the guidance of History Camp). At the beginning of 2020, we had more several History Camps scheduled—including the inaugural History Camp Philadelphia—and our Boston History Camp was set to welcome more than 550 attendees, a record registration, in mid-March, 2020.

Then, something historic happened…
We don't need to recap the last 12 months (we'll leave that to the historians to sort out), but we would be amiss not to say that shutting down our planned 2020 events left us disappointed—and we missed you all.

But, while others shut down, we launched two new History Camp events:

History Camp Discussions—a free online weekly discussion with some of the most interesting people in history, live every Thursday @ 8pm, Eastern (join us for the next live broadcast and see the History Camp Archive section of this site for replays), and

America's Summer Roadtrip™—a free online event that brought participants to 12 historic sites across the U.S. without leaving home, and where many of our guides offered special access to areas that normal tours cannot go.

But we still missed our History Camp.

For 2021, we decided to combine all the passion, knowledge, and presenters from the different History Camp in-person events across the country and offer History Camp America—online!

We hope you will join us on Saturday, July 10th, as we welcome history enthusiasts from across the country and around the world to learn, connect, have fun, and explore all things history. Your registration provides access to all live events as well as replays of most sessions which you can watch in your own time.

Editor's Desk (always searching)

You have probably noticed History Camp in a couple of places in this newsletter, and wondering why. Well, I somehow found them 3 months ago and was able to join in on the February presentations of Elk Horn, Amana and State of Iowa museums. It was very interesting and thought others may want to know. I am pursuing them for SCGS presentations also.

June 2021 has several big days in the history of the United States and worthy of recognition (see next column). For that reason you will see articles and graphics for many of them throughout this newsletter.

I think for the July newsletter I may write about a library in Wright County Iowa (my county of birth), of course, unless someone can supply information for another one. I didn't have room to place an adequate summary of any in this newsletter, although I started to think about the Colo Public Library. If anyone from the Colo Library reads this newsletter and wants to submit a summary of the library to be published in July, I would gladly accept.

The SCGS membership is 'rolling right along' and I hope that it keeps going. The SCGS Board is currently trying to determine how to continue the use of Zoom and also meet in person. That's quite a conundrum to figure out. Zoom offers participation by people who may not be able to attend in-person meetings and it also offers speakers the capability of presenting subjects from long distances.

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

May 31 – Memorial Day (Federal Holiday)
June 2021 – American Housing Month
June 2021 – Great Outdoors Month
June 2021 – LGBTQ Pride Month
June 2021 – National Caribbean-American Heritage Month
June 2021 – National Dairy Month
June 2021 – National Ocean Month
June 1 – Tennessee 225th Anniversary of Statehood
June 1 – Statehood Day (Kentucky, Tennessee)
June 2 – Native American Day (Arizona)
June 3 – Jefferson Davis' Birthday (Florida)
June 5 – Belmont Stakes
June 6 – D-Day Observance
June 7 – Jefferson Davis' Birthday (Alabama)
June 11 – Kamehameha Day (Hawaii)
June 13 – Bunker Hill Day (Massachusetts)
June 14 – Flag Day
June 19 – Juneteenth
June 19 – Juneteenth (New Jersey, New York)
June 19 – Juneteenth Independence Day (Mass.)
June 19 – Emancipation Day (Texas)
June 20 – Father's Day
June 20 – West Virginia Day
June 20 – American Eagle Day
June 20 – June Solstice
June 21 – West Virginia Day Observed
July 4 – Independence Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in June. Visit https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/ for holidays and observances anywhere in the world. Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov)

Join a Zoom Meeting

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A. If you have the meeting link from the meeting host, just click on it or paste it into your web browser to join the meeting.
B. Or you can open the Zoom app and click on the "Join" icon. Enter the Meeting ID found in the email that you received and your name and click the "Join" button.

SCGS Word Search #31 – 36-70 Most Popular Names from 2000 US Census - #2

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SCOTT	CAMPBELL	TORRES	NGUYEN	COOPER
GREEN	MITCHELL	PARKER	MURPHY	REED
BAKER	ROBERTS	COLLINS	RIVERA	BAILEY
ADAMS	CARTER	EDWARDS	COOK	BELL
NELSON	PHILLIPS	STEWART	ROGERS	GOMEZ
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President's Message

It is really hard to believe that the 4th is almost here. Good to hear a few stories of people getting out and doing research some place besides the internet. Also, those who are visiting cemeteries. I will be making another trip to the Polk City Cemetery and visit the Polk City/Big Creek Historical Society and Museum and see what I can find out. I know there are over 80 relatives buried in the Polk City Cemetery and in the three trips I have made down there so far, I have only found 4. The Big Creek Historical Society has put out a self-walking tour of the cemetery and info on some founding fathers of Polk City. There should be an ancestor in the bunch and maybe will get me on the right track.

Also exciting the hear some of you are writing your own family stories or your own story. What better way to start writing than write about yourself or the many stories you know about or played a part in. Maybe even take a nice day and visit a relative and get some stories from them. I probably said this before, but I asked several of my cousins to tell me what they remembered about our Grandmother Nettie. I was surprised to learn how we all remembered different things about her when we were growing up, but then had to remind myself that we all have different interests and we had some age differences. It was really interesting.

Good luck on whatever you are working on and have a good 4th of July.

Nancy

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

For the months of June, July and August, Story County Genealogical Society (SCGS) normally "rests" so that members can do other searching (like cemeteries, courthouses and libraries) during the nice weather. Maybe even talking to family members so you can write your story, or your ancestor's story.

During these 3 months, SCGS may not have regular meetings but the newsletter will continue through the summer so that members can be kept aware of happenings. Consequently, if you have findings of interest to other genealogists, please send them to the newsletter editor at newsletter@storygenes.com. REMEMBER: Our ancestors didn't rest in the summer months, so maybe we shouldn't either.

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes

Well, this probably comes as no surprise but SCGS didn't have a regular meeting or a Genealogy Plus presentation this month. Your board of directors decided to try a Computer and Genealogy Help Session on June 16th. It had a decent turnout, but I wonder if maybe we shouldn't press our luck for future similar meetings in the summer months. Regular meetings will start up again in September.

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Ames Public Library

The Ames Public Library has announced that Ancestry Library Edition will continue to be available via remote access until December 31, 2021. You'll need a library card to access the database. For assistance on using Ancestry Library Edition check the SCGS website (storygenes.com) or call the Ames Public Library at 515-239-5646.

This is great news for genealogy researchers who can continue to use this database from the comfort of their home.

Mary J. Lohr, Web Manager

FHC Reopening

(**NOTE**: This article is a reprint from the June newsletter issue, but it important enough to be repeated in this issue also. We all need to become accustomed to using the FHC again as it is located here in Ames.)

The Ames Family History Center located at 2524 Hoover Avenue in Ames will reopen on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Open hours will be Noon – 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Appointments may be made for additional visit times.

Please check the center's FamilySearch Wiki page for contact information at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ames_Iowa_Family_History_Center or send inquiries via email to IA_Ames@familyhistorymail.org

Thanks!

What is History Camp?

Since 2015, History Camp Iowa has been held annually in Des Moines. Our most recent event welcomed more than 100 passionate history enthusiasts who came together to share their stories in two dozen sessions and joined us on outings to historic sites in and around Des Moines.

History Camp Iowa is an independent event, organized entirely by volunteers under the History Camp un-conference model.

We do not have any in-person History Camps currently scheduled. In the meantime, please join us on Thursday nights at 8pm, Eastern (7pm Central), for **History Camp Discussions**—discussions with some of the most interesting people in history—and sign-up for updates about us for **History Camp America 2021**, online!

The information shown above was taken from the History Camp Iowa website (History Camp Iowa - History Camp®). You can find more information about History Camp by following the links above and also learn about History Camp in other locations of the United States.

Record Look Up Service

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City recently began offering a free record look up service for researchers who cannot go to the library to access records that are not online. Details about this service can be found in the FamilySearch blog: "New Library Lookup Service – For When You Can't Visit the Family History Library." Click on the following link to access the article. https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/library-lookup-service-fhl/

Further information and an online request form can be found from the Family History Library web site https://www.familysearch.org/family-history-library/welcome-to-the-family-history-library
On the site's home page, scroll down to a banner of labeled icons. Click on "Services." On the services page scroll down to "Records Look Up Service" for a brief description and a link to the request form.

Introducing Joan Leysen

Since I am relatively new to SCGS, I thought I would introduce myself and my research area. I was born in Detroit but grew up in one of the suburbs, St. Clair Shores. My parents were both born in Belgium but met on the east side of Detroit where there was a large Belgian community. My grandfather played the piccolo in the Belgian American Businessman's Band.

I graduated from Wayne State University, Detroit with a master's degree in library science. After I graduated, I was employed at Wayne State University's Purdy Library. Later, I was employed as a high school librarian for seven years. I moved to Ames in 1981 with my husband (now deceased), who had taken a librarian position at Iowa State University's Parks Library. I also had a librarian position there in the Cataloging Department, where I met Mary Lohr, who introduced me to SCGS. I retired in December 2017.

My initial genealogy research began in the 1970's after a trip to Belgium but I did not continue with it until after retiring. I am a member of the Genealogy Society of Flemish Americans. The society has a website, a large collection of research material, publishes a little magazine, and has a small museum. All holdings of the Gazette van Detroit are part of the library's collection, since the newspaper and publisher ceased publication in December 2018.

In addition to FamilySearch and Ancestry.com, I have retrieved most of my information from the online State Archives in Belgium, learning a few Dutch words in the process. In the past, I have had e-mail communications from two other researchers in Belgium and we have exchanged information. My current challenge is deciphering Latin writing in older documents.

I look forward to continuing to learn from SCGS members and their research experiences.

Facebook Focus: Frugal Genealogy Facebook Group

Facebook.com/Groups/FrugalGenealogy

If you're among the genealogy researchers keeping an eye on your budget, you may be interested in a Facebook Group called **Frugal Genealogy**. From the group description: "...the focus of this group is to help you stretch those genealogy dollars for maximum value."

You can request membership in the group by clicking the "Join Group" button. You'll need to answer three membership questions. If you're using a mobile device you may need to scroll to see all three questions. Once your request is approved, you'll join the nearly 2,900 other members.

The Frugal Genealogy (FG) group is private which means only members can see who is in the group and what they post. FG is also "visible" in that anyone can find the group.

What types of content is posted? Anything having to do with doing genealogy research in the least expensive way! There are links to blogs of Family Tree Magazine, Lisa Lisson's "Are You My Cousin?", and Ancestral Findings just to mention a few. Kenneth R. Marks of the renown "The Ancestor Hunt" is a frequent contribution posting updates to his website.

Other topics include computer security ideas (an infected computer is definitely not frugal), links to videos, genealogy news (especially if there is an upcoming free webinar or class), and announcements when Ancestry provides free access to one of their subscription databases. In short, ideas for free, frugal, and economical genealogy research ideas.

What you won't find are off-topic posts, buying, selling or fund-raising, current political or religious discussion, bullying or harassment.

Most of the posts have a United States based focus, but there are also posts with ideas and links for international research.

Full disclose: the author of this article is an administrator of the Frugal Genealogy Facebook Group.
Submitted by Mary J. Lohr

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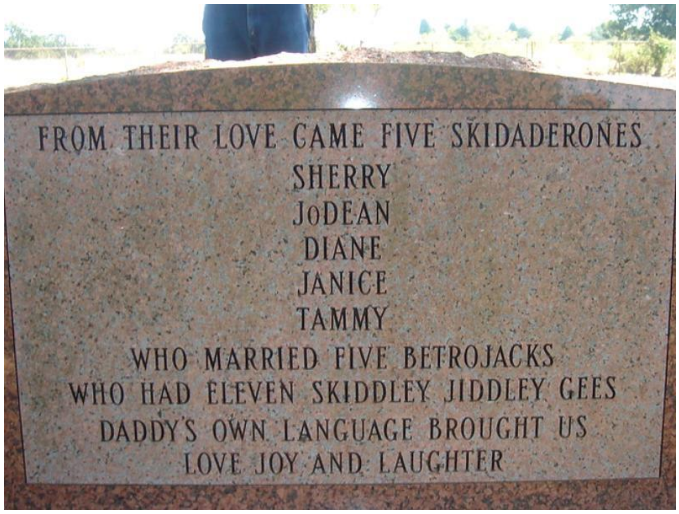
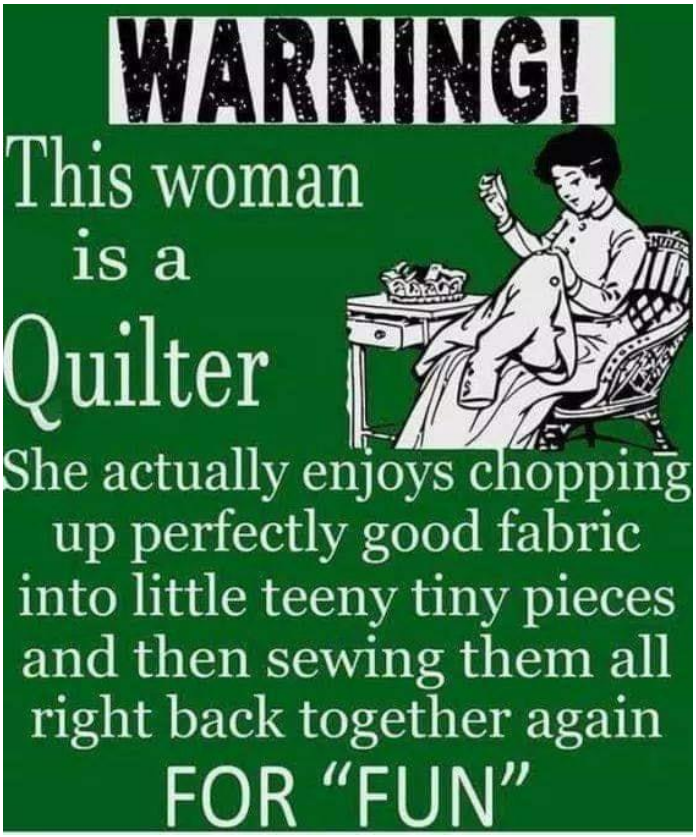


It's a clever idea to create a headstone in the vernacular of the person who is being represented. We aren't sure what betrojacks or jiddley gees are, but they do sound funny.



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Things My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me To **APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE**. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me **RELIGION**. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about **TIME TRAVEL**. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me **LOGIC**. "Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me **MORE LOGIC**. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

Don't Mess With Senior Citizens

An elderly lady decided to celebrate her 70th birthday by spending the night in an expensive hotel. When she left the next morning, the receptionist gave her a $250.00 bill. She exploded and wanted to know why the charge was so high.

"It's a nice hotel but the rooms certainly aren't worth $250.00 for just an overnight stay! I didn't even have breakfast." The clerk told her that $250.00 is the 'standard rate', so she insisted on speaking to the Manager.
The manager appeared and was announced by the front desk: "This hotel has an Olympic size pool and a large conference center, available." "But I did not use it," she says. "Well, they are here and you could," explained the manager.

He further stated that she may have seen one of the hotel's shows for which the hotel is famous. "We have the best artists in the world here," said the director. "But I did not attend any of these shows," she said.

"Well, we have them and you could," replied the manager. Regardless of the arrangements mentioned by the manager, she replied: "But I did not use it!" And the manager responded with his standard answer. After a few minutes of discussion with the manager, she decided to pay, wrote a check and gave it to her. The manager was surprised when he looked at the check.

"But madam, this check is for only $50.00." "That's correct. I charged You $200.00 for sleeping with me," she replied. "But I didn't!" exclaims the very surprised Manager.

"Well, too bad, I was here, and you could have."

Don't mess with Senior Citizens!!!

Observations In 1957

"There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly $15 a night to stay in a hotel."

"Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before $5600 will only buy a used one."

Independence Day

Independence Day (**the Fourth of July** or **July 4**) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States, on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress approved a resolution that the thirteen American colonies were legally no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states. Two days later, the Second Continental Congress further approved the proposal that the United States declare themselves independent from Great Britain's rule. The Congress had voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2, but it was not declared until July 4.

This declaration led to a bloody war between Great Britain and the soon to become United States. The British were war trained soldiers and the soldiers of the United States were fighting for their freedom from an oppressive King George III. The United States people were taxed heavily and mistreated in many other ways. A letter to King George III illuded to "war against human nature itself" and the sacred rights of life and liberty.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches, and ceremonies, and other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. In 1938 the US Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.

NOTE: Much of this information was taken from:
Independence Day (United States) - Wikipedia

By a remarkable coincidence, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as presidents of the United States, both died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration, Jefferson even mentioning the fact. Although not a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected as president, also died on July 4, 1831.

History Camp America 2021

Online! Saturday, July 10, 2021, 8:45 am to 5 pm Eastern

Sign up to be notified when registration opens.

If you have a passion for history, History Camp is for you. It's a unique opportunity to spend a day with others from all walks of life who have a passion for history, from authors, teachers, genealogists, and students, to park rangers, museum volunteers, librarians, and individuals from other professions and backgrounds.

Since our first History Camp in 2014, history enthusiasts of all stripes have been enthralled by our casual conference format. This format encourages a wide variety of topics and participants learn about history and new research, engage with history in unique ways, share what they love about history, and challenge everyone to think about history in new ways.

Word about our History Camp model quickly spread and History Camps soon followed in Colorado, Virginia, the Pioneer Valley, and Iowa (the last two organized by local groups under the guidance of History Camp). At the beginning of 2020, we had more several History Camps scheduled—including the inaugural History Camp Philadelphia—and our Boston History Camp was set to welcome more than 550 attendees, a record registration, in mid-March, 2020.

Then, something historic happened…
We don't need to recap the last 12 months (we'll leave that to the historians to sort out), but we would be amiss not to say that shutting down our planned 2020 events left us disappointed—and we missed you all.

But, while others shut down, we launched two new History Camp events:

History Camp Discussions—a free online weekly discussion with some of the most interesting people in history, live every Thursday @ 8pm, Eastern (join us for the next live broadcast and see the History Camp Archive section of this site for replays), and

America's Summer Roadtrip™—a free online event that brought participants to 12 historic sites across the U.S. without leaving home, and where many of our guides offered special access to areas that normal tours cannot go.

But we still missed our History Camp.

For 2021, we decided to combine all the passion, knowledge, and presenters from the different History Camp in-person events across the country and offer History Camp America—online!

We hope you will join us on Saturday, July 10th, as we welcome history enthusiasts from across the country and around the world to learn, connect, have fun, and explore all things history. Your registration provides access to all live events as well as replays of most sessions which you can watch in your own time.

Editor's Desk (still searching)

Seems like we have found another type of article for the newsletter – bio. The bio or short story of a SCGS member or non-member is always interesting. Most people don't mind writing about themselves and their history. After all, other people will find out about them some time anyway. Thank you to the seven people who have contributed their bios since last fall. Look forward to seeing more. Remember, if you don't want to tell other people about something, don't put it in your story!!

Well, this month your editor didn't have time to create an article on a library in or near Story County, so I have initiated inquiries about the Parks Library at ISU. Hopefully I will have that article next month.

When I was a kid (long, long time ago!) I seem to remember a TV show (maybe Carol Burnett Show or Dean Martin Show) that contained the saying "…keep those cards and letters coming in." Well, today that may not be 100% the same, but I would encourage you to "keep those emails and texts coming for the newsletter." With your help, the newsletter will continue for quite a while.

By now you have probably noticed a little more humor in this issue than usual – that's by design. Thought with all of the heat waves at various parts of the USA and everything else that's going on, we could all use a little bit more humor. ☺☺

Please be careful when you are outside visiting cemeteries, grill in the back yard or go to a parade. Keep hydrated always and take some water along with you. Have fun.

Korean War Armistice Day

National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day is observed each year on July 27th. It is a time to remember as many as 50,000 American troops who died in the conflict (official sources vary on the actual number), and over 100,000 wounded, and thousands of prisoners of war.

Read more: https://militarybenefits.info/korean-war-veterans-armistice/#ixzz6zPQdsbPn

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

July – National Ice Cream Month
July 1 – Canada Day
July 1 – Postal Worker Day and Postage Stamp Day
July 4 – Independence Day
July 4 – Republic Day (Philippines)
July 5 – Independence Day (Observed)
July 13 – Nathan Bedford Forrest Day (Tennessee)
July 14 – Bastille Day (Observed)
July 16 – Rural Transit Day (Observed)
July 23 – Pioneer Day (Observed – Utah)
July 24 – Pioneer Day (Utah)
July 25 – Parents' Day (Observance)
July 26 – Anniversary of Americans With Disabilities Act signed
July 27 – National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (Observance)

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By clicking on the link (see typical link below) you should automatically receive the Zoom app for your computer. Follow the instructions to join the meeting with video and audio. For audio, don't forget to click on the speaker icon in the bottom right corner of your computer screen (Windows) and adjust the volume accordingly.

We may be meeting in person sometime in the next few months, but don't hold your breath on that. Until then, it would be best to get used to Zoom.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9285177790
(NOTE: This was for a meeting in April 2021)

SCGS Word Search #32 – 71-105 Most Popular Names from 2000 US Census - #3

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COX	GRAY	LONG	RUSSELL	FISHER
DIAZ	JAMES	FOSTER	ORTIZ	HENDERSON
RICHARDSON	REYES	SANDERS	JENKINS	COLEMAN
WOOD	CRUZ	ROSS	GUTIERREZ	SIMMONS
WATSON	HUGHES	MORALES	PERRY	PATTERSON
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President's Message

I made it to the Polk City Cemetery again and found the graves of my great grandparents and two of my grandmother's brothers who died when they were younger. Still didn't locate the graves of my great, great grandparents but I think I have enough information now to locate them. As far as the many more Crabtrees buried there, we will see. Also stopped at the Polk City Library and picked up a brochure on the cemetery that the Historical Society put out on some of the founders of Polk City and there is a great uncle listed. So, some exciting finds for me. The heat has stopped any more trips but hopefully the weather will break soon and can make some more trips.

A cousin found a photo of my great grandfather (on my mother's side) in front of the house where he grew up in Polk County when he was around 10 or 11. She is sending a copy. Exciting.

I have been doing some research on one of the founding fathers of Gilbert to go with a quilt that has been donated to the Gilbert Historical Society. There is a bunch of info and photos on this family on Find A Grave.

Hope to hear your stories when we start meeting again in person, until then stay cool.

Nancy

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

For the months of June, July and August, Story County Genealogical Society (SCGS) normally "rests" so that members can do other searching (like cemeteries, courthouses and libraries) during the nice weather. Maybe even talking to family members so you can write your story, or your ancestor's story.

During these 3 months, SCGS may not have regular meetings but the newsletter will continue through the summer so that members can be kept aware of happenings. Consequently, if you have findings of interest to other genealogists, please send them to the newsletter editor at newsletter@storygenes.com. REMEMBER: Our ancestors didn't rest in the summer months, so maybe we shouldn't either.

Remember that you Board of Directors been having meetings so we are ready for everyone in September.

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes

Well, this probably comes as no surprise but SCGS didn't have a regular meeting or a Genealogy Plus presentation in August. Regular meetings will start up again in September.

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Ames Public Library

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Mary J. Lohr, Web Manager

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

August 1 – Colorado Day (Colorado)
August 4 – Coast Guard Birthday
August 7 – Purple Heart Day
August 9 – Victory Day (Rhode Island)
August 16 – Bennington Battle Day (Vermont)
August 19 – National Aviation Day
August 20 – Hawaii Statehood Day) (Hawaii)
August 21 – Senior Citizens Day
August 26 – Women's Equality Day
August 27 – Lyndon Baines Johnson Day (Texas)
September 6 – Labor Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ . Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

Record Look Up Service

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City recently began offering a free record look up service for researchers who cannot go to the library to access records that are not online. Details about this service can be found in the FamilySearch blog: "New Library Lookup Service – For When You Can't Visit the Family History Library." Click on the following link to access the article. https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/library-lookup-service-fhl/

Further information and an online request form can be found from the Family History Library web site https://www.familysearch.org/family-history-library/welcome-to-the-family-history-library
On the site's home page, scroll down to a banner of labeled icons. Click on "Services." On the services page scroll down to "Records Look Up Service" for a brief description and a link to the request form.

What Is Labor Day?

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. It is the Monday of the long weekend known as **Labor Day Weekend**.

Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty states in the United States officially celebrated Labor Day.

Canada's Labour Day is also celebrated on the first Monday of September.

TinyURL.com: Shortening URLs for Efficiency

Have you heard of the website TinyURL.com? It's a helpful tool if you want to shorten a lengthy URL. For example, *https://iowagenealogy.org/iowapioneers.iowagenealogy.org/shop/Book%20Sale%202021%20May%2013.pdf* can be shorted to: *https://tinyurl.com/4eztjxbh.*

This service is free (there is a paid option available) and especially useful if you are sharing a URL via email or text message. And you're much less likely to make an error when typing the shorter URL!

To use the service, go to tinyurl.com, enter your long URL and click "TinyURL."

You can email the shortened version or share it on social media.

--submitted by Mary J. Lohr

Gravestone Humor

orping/ flickr

Like so many other funny headstones, this one points out the obvious. Mortality is real and to that degree, we all know that death is going to happen. What is more curious is what, if anything, happens after.

Things My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me **GENETICS**. "You're just like your father."

A Look at Story County GenWeb

submitted by Mary J. Lohr

If you are researching ancestors in Story County, Iowa, two good starting points are the FamilySearch Research Wiki page for Story County (Story County, Iowa Genealogy • FamilySearch) and the Story County GenWeb site (Story County IAGenWeb). [NOTE: Just press CTRL and click on the shortened URLs above. See the other article on page 3 for shortened website names].

This article will describe some of the resources available on the Story County GenWeb site, a part of the Iowa GenWeb project.

The webpage states it has links to 504,200 searchable database records online. This number will likely increase since the site is continually being updated, thanks to the work of generous volunteers who are led by Mark Christian, a native of Story County.

There are several ways to search the website:

*The "Click Here to Search for Surnames in Story Co. Pages and Databases" search box has a pink background.

*The Google-powered search on the site that states "To search all text, not just surnames, use the box below."

*Clicking on one of the listed 77 databases to search it directly.

One of the popular databases is the **Nevada Community Historical Society's Family Tree Project** which included 69,180 people and 27,775 family group sheets. This database includes names and information on many people who lived in Story County, not just in the town of Nevada.

Story County has a large group of people with Norwegian ancestry. **The Norwegian Heritage in Central Iowa** database is also searchable and worth exploring.

Prominent historical books, the 1887 A History Of Story County, Iowa by William G. Allen; the 1911 History of Story County, Iowa by W.O. Payne; and, the 1890 Biographical and Historical Memories of Story County, Iowa can be searched in full text from the site.

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Helpful Technology Resources

By Mary J. Lohr

Technology has become a useful tool for the genealogist. We use software to record our findings, email for correspondence and collaboration, scanning documents for preservation, and our computers for countless other tasks. But technology is not without its challenges. When things go wrong or we have questions, where can we find reliable answers?

The following are tech blogs and resources SCGS members have found useful:

Kim Komando's website www.komando.com
Leo Notenboom www.Askleo.com
Tomsguide.com
Ricksdailytips.com (Highly recommended!)
Make Use Of https://www.makeuseof.com/
CNET.com
Ask the Tech Guy (Leo Laporte, radio show) https://twit.tv/shows/ask-the-tech-guy
Dick Eastman's blog www.eogn.com

Some of the above also have a presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube.

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Some of the other databases available on the website include transcribed state and federal census records for Story County, phone directories, military records, federal census records for Story County, phone directories, military records, federal land patents, vital record transcriptions, an early Iowa State College alumni directory, atlases, maps, obituaries, and the WPA Tombstone Readings compiled in the 1930s.

This website is a virtual treasure for research in Story County! You'll never know what you might find unless you take a look at it.

Facebook Focus: Frugal Genealogy Facebook Group

Facebook.com/Groups/FrugalGenealogy

If you're among the genealogy researchers keeping an eye on your budget, you may be interested in a Facebook Group called **Frugal Genealogy**. From the group description: "...the focus of this group is to help you stretch those genealogy dollars for maximum value."

You can request membership in the group by clicking the "Join Group" button. You'll need to answer three membership questions. If you're using a mobile device you may need to scroll to see all three questions. Once your request is approved, you'll join the nearly 2,900 other members.

The Frugal Genealogy (FG) group is private which means only members can see who is in the group and what they post. FG is also "visible" in that anyone can find the group.

What types of content is posted? Anything having to do with doing genealogy research in the least expensive way! There are links to blogs of Family Tree Magazine, Lisa Lisson's "Are You My Cousin?", and Ancestral Findings just to mention a few. Kenneth R. Marks of the renown "The Ancestor Hunt" is a frequent contribution posting updates to his website.

Other topics include computer security ideas (an infected computer is definitely not frugal), links to videos, genealogy news (especially if there is an upcoming free webinar or class), and announcements when Ancestry provides free access to one of their subscription databases. In short, ideas for free, frugal, and economical genealogy research ideas.

What you won't find are off-topic posts, buying, selling or fund-raising, current political or religious discussion, bullying or harassment.

Most of the posts have a United States based focus, but there are also posts with ideas and links for international research.

Full disclose: the author of this article is an administrator of the Frugal Genealogy Facebook Group.
Submitted by Mary J. Lohr

NOTE: This article was also printed in the 2021 July SCGS newsletter, but it is valuable enough to reprint in this issue. Remember, save your $$$$.

Old People

1. Old People are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem, Old People remove their caps and stand attention and sing without embarrassment.

They know the words and believe in them.

2. Old People remember World War II, Pearl Harbor. Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler.

3. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing.

They remember the 50 plus Peace-keeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam.

4. If you bump into an Old Person on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old Person on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and are courtly to women.

5. Old People hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

6. Old People get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.

7. Old People have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children or grandchildren.

8. It's Old People who remove their hats while eating in a restaurant in respect for the ladies and guests.

9. It's the Old People who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

10. This country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values.

We need them now more than ever.
Thank God for Old People.
NOTE: Printed from Facebook by unknown author

Editor's Desk (It's a mess)

Well, the newsletter is 1-2 days later than I would prefer and it isn't as big as it normally is, but it's out and in the hands of genealogists now and there is some information and fun stuff in it. Maybe the September newsletter will be better since that will be the start of the SCGS year. Don't forget to look at the SCGS website (www.storygenes.com) under Events to check out those starting in September.

Your board of directors recently decided to pay for another year of Zoom. Since nobody knows when this pandemic will lend, it is probably best if we keep Zoom and use it. If you are still not sure how to use it, call one of the board members listed on the SCGS website.

Please note the article in the 1st column on page 3. This will help many genealogists and anyone else working with URLs [URL=Uniform Resource Listing] on a website address. If you will notice in the article in column 2 on the same page, there are 2 URLs that have been shortened from their version on the actual website. This becomes helpful when creating citations. The shortened version doesn't take up as much space and it has the same information. Many websites are using these now, including Ancestry, FamilySearch, etc.

Comment Made in the Year 1957

"Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."

"The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."

"I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."

"It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."

"I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."

Nevada Public Library

The Nevada [Iowa] Public Library (NPL) is located at 631 K Avenue, Nevada, Iowa 50201. They can be reached at the following phone number: 515-382-2628 and their website address is: http://www.nevada.lib.ia.us. Their email address is: npl@nevada.lib.ia.us.

The NPL sign in front of the library shows many messages that are visible to anyone whether in a car, on a bicycle or walking. Messages such as:

- WE ARE OPEN!
- Craft Along with Mr. T on Facebook
- Teen Trivia in the park
- Teen Advisory Group
- Book Club meeting in the park
- Virtual Game Club on Zoom
- Outdoor Storytime in park
- Angry Birds IRL in park
- Summer Reading program signup

Descriptions of these programs available at the library can be found at the NPL home page shown above along with other information on other events happening in the community and at the library. The library hours (also on the exterior sign) are: Monday – Thursday 10am – 8pm; Friday 10am – 6pm; Saturday 10am – 4pm.

The home page has 7 options to select from at the top of the page: About Us, Good Books, Online Catalog, Newsletter, Research, News Archives and Services. There is also a "Search Site" in the top right corner of the home if you aren't certain where to look for an item. NOTE: The Nevada Public library also has an option to subscribe to a library newsletter, which contains information on many community events and activities. That's a good feature since may library patrons can receive newsletters via email and learn about happenings in the community and at the library.

"Covid-19 and Library Updates" is a feature under the "About Us" tab on the home page. This can be very helpful when looking up the latest information about various subjects (Covid, hours, etc.). The home page also talks about Friends of the Library Book Sales on the first Saturday of each month. The bottom of the website shows links to various other community information such as: City Website, County Website, Nevada Journal [newspaper], Nevada Schools and Census Information. Each of these items includes a vast amount of additional information.

Of course, there are many more features to the Nevada Public Library than a nice building and a nice sign out front. Each of the 7 tabs on the home page contains much more information. I would encourage you to go to the NPL home page and start browsing – you will be amazed at the amount of information that the librarians and other people have put on this website and all for the availability of their patrons.

This was the Silliman Library that was used by patrons until the new building was dedicated in 1991. You can read more about the history of the NPL if you go to "About Us" and then click on "Library History" in the left margin.

SCGS Word Search #33 – Iowa State Parks, Recreation Areas & Forests (#1)

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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BadgerCreek	CedarRock	Fairport	GullPoint	LakeMacbride
BeedsLake	ClearLake	FtAtkinson	HoneyCreek	LakeManawa
Bellevue	Dolliver	FtDefiance	LakeAhquabi	LowerGar
BigCreek	ElinorBedell	Geode	LakeAnita	LoessHills
Blackburn	ElkRock	GeorgeWyth	LakeDarling	Templar

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STORY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Send dues and donations to P.O. Box 692, Ames, Iowa 50010
OR
Pay the Treasurer at a SCGS meeting
OR
Credit Cards are accepted also (www.storygenes.com)
Membership - Individual $15 ___ or Family (2) $20 ___
OR
Donations
Make checks payable to Story County Genealogical Society

Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____Birthday: ____/____/_____

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Family Membership - $20
(12-month membership period)
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Please go to www.storygenes.com and select the first option (Home). Then scroll down to "**Membership**" and you will be guided through the payment process.

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President's Message

It is almost September, and our new programs will be starting. There is new technology available, to start out we will attempt to meet in person and also virtually for those who aren't able to meet in person. We will continue to meet this way in case things are shut down again. We will be getting a virtual tour from Jim and Annette of the History Center and Paul Lasley will be starting off Genealogy Plus.

I had an opportunity to visit several cemeteries this summer and found out many things. It was really fun to give a little tour of the Gilbert Cemetery and also met with a cousin who was visiting from Maryland and we visited the Slater Cemetery and found out I have relatives buried there that I didn't know I was related to.

I need advice on how to put markers on graves of those who don't have a tombstone. I want these relatives to be remembered. Any suggestions?

Nancy

Patricia Cadd/ Pinterest

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday September 13, 2021
6:30 PM
In-Person Meeting at Library and also via Zoom
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Genealogy Plus!
Wednesday September 15, 2021
10:00 AM - Noon
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
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Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday September 22, 2021
10:00 AM - Noon
Help Session – Ames Public Library Danfoss Room
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September – National Wilderness Month
September 6 – Labor Day
September 7 – Brazil Independence Day (1822)
September 9 – California Admission Day (California)
September 11 – First Responders Day (N. Carolina)
September 11 – Patriot Day
September 11 – Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day
September 11 – Remember World Trade Centers
September 12 – National Grandparents Day
September 16 – National Stepfamily Day
September 17 – Constitution Day & Citizenship Day
September 17 – National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 18 – Air Force Birthday
September 18 – National Cleanup Day
September 22 – Emancipation Day (Ohio)
September 24 – American Indian Heritage Day (Montana, Texas)

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Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday September 13, 2021
In-Person Meeting at Library and also via Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

Topic: Family History Center of Ames

Presenters: Jim and Annette Anderegg

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday September 15, 2021
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Registration link for Zoom:
https://amespubliclibrary.org/events/genealogy-plus-15
10:00 am

Immigration

Immigration and migration patterns -- the "how" and "why" our ancestors immigrated to the United States. How do they relate to who we are as Iowans decades later? The date and insights presented by Dr. Lasley help us understand.

Presenter: Dr. Paul Lasley

Genealogy and Computer Help Session
Wednesday September 22, 2021
Ames Public Library (Danfoss Room)
10:00 am

This is an opportunity to get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Bring your questions and we'll try to help you find an answer or ideas for further research.

This session is informal and no appointment is needed.

Parks Library at Iowa State University

Parks Library at Iowa State University is located at 701 Morrill Road, Ames, Iowa 50011-2102. The library telephone number is 515-294-3642 and the website is https://www.lib.iastate.edu. Parks Library contains a vast amount of information and for that reason I asked for some assistance to determine some of the more important information, which is shown in this article. There is much more information on the website and I would encourage you to start at the home page URL listed above and determine what you wish to look for from there.

In the Quick Search box on the library homepage will find all the electronic books & journals as well as the hardcopy volumes available in the library. The links to the electronic resources will only work for ISU researchers or those accessing from in-library computer workstations. It will also find some archival materials but CARDinal has better search options for those materials.

CARDinal, available at https://cardinal.lib.iastate.edu, is the new search tool for Special Collections and University Archives (SCUA) materials - it should be noted that it's only the tip of the iceberg. They still have a lot of content that is not well-indexed…and are actively adding new material every day.

Some other possibilities include the Iowa State University Library Digital Collections, which features unique materials related to ISU that are physically available in our collection, but have been digitized and made freely available online. Examples include civil war diaries, a wide variety of letters and photographs along with online exhibits. To start your search, visit https://digitalcollections.lib.iastate.edu/.

Each year, art in Parks Library attracts hundreds of local and national visitors eager to explore its unique collection. An Iowa Law from 1978-2017 (Code of Iowa 304A.8-304A.14, Fine Arts Projects in State Buildings) required that any state building construction/renovation using state funds had to include ART of some sort - with the art cost equivalent to ½ of 1% of the project cost. So, there is a lot of artwork on campus in Parks Library. The regular art collection has been enhanced in recent years to include pieces on loan from the University Museums. The ISU Library website gives more background information on individual art works and library staff are happy to give directions to various art locations in the building. The Grant Wood murals, in particular, draw a lot of visitors from outside the university. To learn more, visit https://www.lib.iastate.edu/about-library/art.

Newspaper resources are usually of prime interest to genealogists and ISU has a lot of them both online and in microfilm. A guide is available here: https://instr.iastate.libguides.com/eNewspapers. It includes free newspapers as well as library subscriptions.

The Article Indexes & Databases page (tab above the Quick Search box on the library homepage) could be useful for anyone that does not have an ISU ID but is planning to come into the library. They could see which databases are accessible from workstations within the library.

Near the bottom of the website is the News, Events & Workshops section, which features timely developments ranging from training opportunities, construction updates, and new services for patrons. Those interested are welcome to follow the ISU Library on Twitter and Facebook or sign up for email alerts when new blog posts for Special Collections, Digital Initiatives, or Preservation are available.

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Feel free to use the Chat service. Chat staff answer all sorts of queries – from anyone worldwide. The lower right corner of the library homepage shows "Live Chat" when someone is staffing it (right now hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon-Fri). During times it is not staffed, it will give the option to send questions via email or phone. Chat works best for short answer types of questions. For questions that might take longer to answer, or that might need referred to other library staff, sending an email might be better (it is also linked on the chat window).

There is a Visitors Guide to Research Resources: https://instr.iastate.libguides.com/public. The library encourages visitors to utilize parking near the stadium and ride the free orange route CyRide to the library. Once someone tries it, they are hooked but it can be daunting to someone not familiar with campus. Bus drivers are happy to help 1st time (or even 20th time) riders get where they need to go. During the regular school year, it gets to the stadium lot every 10 minutes – during the summer it's more like every 20 minutes. You will find a route map to the Visitor's Guide – on the tab for Planning an On-Site Visit.

Also of interest to most genealogists is the Genealogy Research Guide at the following URL: (https://instr.iastate.libguides.com/genealogy). Many subjects are covered here. Click on the subject of your interest and then scroll down to see information about that subject.

Story County Genealogical Society wishes to thank Lorrie Pellack and Nacuya Rucker of the Parks Library at Iowa State University for the large amount of information that they have contributed for this article.

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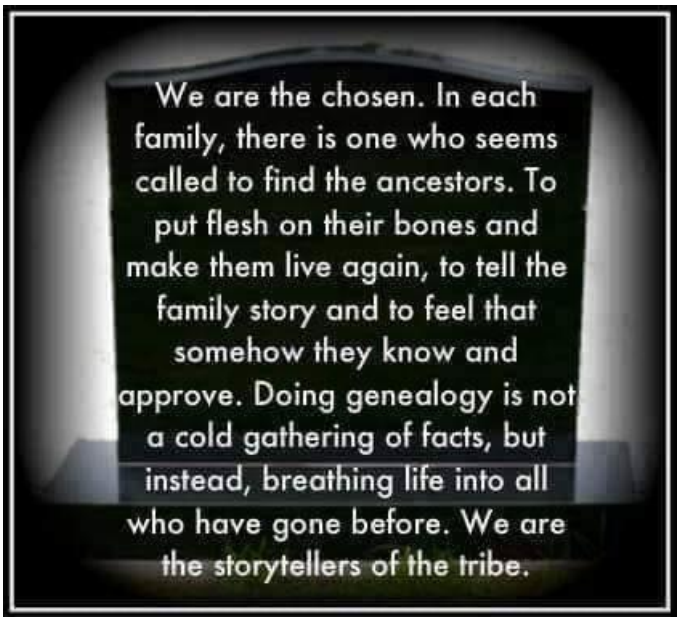
Labor Day Remembered

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

Labor Day, the **first Monday in September**, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.



This is from another genealogy group on Facebook. Don't know who the author is.

Comments Made In 1957

"It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."

"Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."

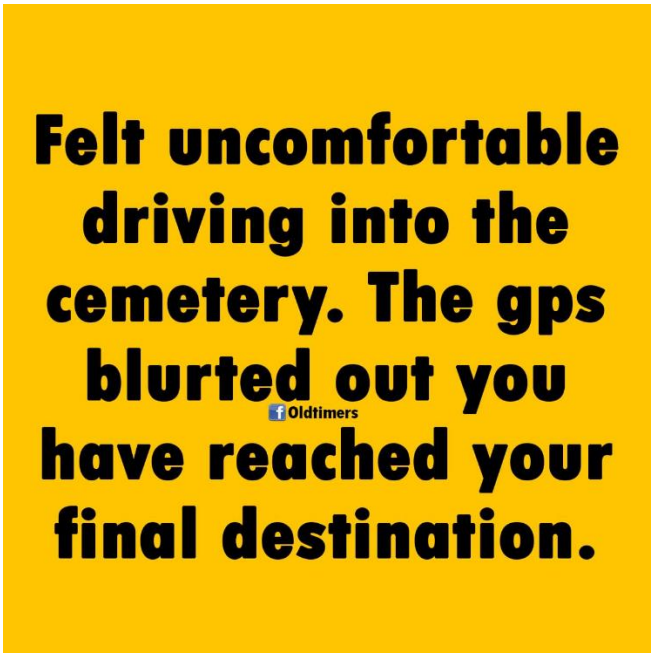
Things My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me about **ENVY**. There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

My mother taught me about **ANTICIPATION**. "Just wait until we get home."

My mother taught me about **RECEIVING**. "You are going to get it when you get home."

My mother taught me **MEDICAL SCIENCE**. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."



Editor's Desk (I cleaned it, still a mess)

For the past few months, I have included an article concerning a local library in the Story County and surrounding area. While these local libraries are very important and serve a local community very well, the Parks Library at Iowa State University has always intrigued me. This newsletter issue contains an article concerning the Parks Library. This article is the culmination of work by several people, and I thank everyone. Please read the article for more information.

Wow, I couldn't help but take a second count and look at the number of articles (especially large ones) for this issue. Thank you to everyone who submitted an article or assisted with one. I can't top all of those articles by filling this column, so I won't.

Dick

SCGS Officers for 2021

Left to right: Dick Cooper, Newsletter Editor; Nancy Long, President; Pete Peterson, Treasurer; Malvina Lutz, Librarian; Lyle Hammes, VP-Programming; Mary Lohr, Web Manager; Paul Martsching, Historian; Annette Anderegg, Secretary; Donna Kallem, VP-Membership; Rhonda Graham, Publicity.

Plans for Hybrid Meeting for Upcoming Programs

submitted by Mary J. Lohr

If we've learned anything in the last eighteen months, it's that life can be unpredictable and changing! And the programming for SCGS is no exception. In the 2020-2021 season, SCGS switched to our Monday monthly meeting being held via Zoom. The Ames Public Library hosted the daytime Genealogy Plus programs, also via Zoom. While this was not the same as meeting in person, it did provide an alternative so we could continue to meet and connect, albeit virtually.

Plans have been made for the upcoming 2021-2022 season for meetings to be held in person ... and virtually, if possible! The Ames Public Library will continue to host the Genealogy Plus programs, held on the third Wednesday. As long as we can meet at the Library we'll continue to do so. But the Genealogy Plus meeting can also be viewed simultaneously via Zoom. (And probably will be available for later viewing via the Ames Public Library Youtube channel.)

The Monday evening programs, held on the second Monday, are not sponsored by the Ames Public Library. We will plan to meet in person starting September 13 ... and also via Zoom for those members who cannot make it to the Library. The Library is making available some software for us to use, call "OWLS." So, we're going to attempt hybrid meetings, both in person and via Zoom. The operative word here is attempt. The technology is new and we are learning, so the results are not guaranteed.

Usually we meet in the Auditorium, but for the September 13 meeting we'll be in the Danfoss Room, located on the second floor of the Ames Public Library. Jim and Annette Anderegg will be presenting the program from the Family History Center in Ames via Zoom. So, you'll have a choice if you want to view the program from home via Zoom (meeting link will be sent to members) or join with other members and guests and view it via Zoom at the Ames Public Library.

Admittedly, this first meeting is a bit unique in how it is being done ... and that brings us back to the opening sentence that "life can be predictable and changing." But we have discovered genealogists can be creative in their research, and we believe we can also be creative in how we present our meetings. So, at this point the choice is to "attend" the meeting with other SCGS members and guests at the Ames Public Library OR view the presentation from your home.

As long as the Ames Public Library rooms remain open for meetings, we'll have our meetings there. Conditions and the Covid situation could change that. But that is the current plan.

Please have patience with us as we try to make our meetings available in a hybrid format. Neither the technology nor us is perfect. But we will do our best and learn as we go!

The remainder of the programs for the season are scheduled for an in-person speaker with a Zoom available option for off-site viewing.

If you have questions, please contact Nancy Long (info@storygenes.com) or Mary Lohr at webmanager@storygenes.com.

Cambridge Memorial Library – Cambridge, Iowa

This is from the circulation desk at the Cambridge Memorial Library, which is on the email list for the SCGS newsletter.

Please join the Cambridge Memorial Library for the following events. Call the Cambridge Memorial Library at 515-220-4542 or email us at circdesk@cambridge.lib.ia.us to register.

Integral Yoga with Liz-**September 4 and September 18 a**nd dates to follow in October and November.

Libraries Transforming Communities Grant and the Cambridge Memorial Library invite you to a ***Mental Wellness Community Conversation*** on **September 21st** from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Book Club/Author Talk from Rena Olsen. Ankeny author. 7:00 pm

Please also check out our Cambridge Memorial Website at https://www.cambridge.lib.ia.us for more details and events.

Ortssippenbücher (OSBs): A Genealogical Treasure

submitted by Mary J. Lohr

Once upon a time in a genealogy land far away, I was attempting to trace the origins of my European ancestors. Microfilms I could borrow from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City were the primary access for viewing church records and some civil records. Other sources that I used were genealogy websites that were becoming available online and collaboration with extended family members who were researching the same lines.

And then a trip to the Wellsburg Public Library in Wellsburg, Iowa opened the jackpot for me. A very nice and helpful librarian by the name of Dee showed me how to use a new (to me) resource called an Ortssippenbücher (OSB), also called a Familiebücher. Dee explained these books are actually a compilation of family lineages for a village or town in the Ostfriesen area. They are compiled by historians who are familiar with the area and contain the names of each family, their spouse, dates of marriage, names and dates of birth for children, sometimes the occupation, and dates of death. Each person has a unique number assigned which cross-references with parents, their children, and each generation. The books may cover the years from approximately 1650 to 1900, depending on available records.

Some of the books contain a history of the town or church, names of those who died in a war, and sometimes information about emigration to the United States. The format of the books can vary a bit, but most follow a common pattern. A list of abbreviations and symbols used can be found in each book. The books are written in the language of the country but if you know some basic terms for birth, baptism, marriage, and death you should be able to follow the pattern and interpret the results.

The Wellsburg Public Library has a complete set of any published OSBs for the Ostfriesen area.
(And if you live in central, Iowa it's a short drive!)

OSBs are also available for other areas of Germany in addition to Denmark, Poland, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, and other countries. Some are even online and can be found at
https://ofb.genealogy.net/ *(Disclaimer: if you find an OSB for your ancestral town, we cannot be blamed if your lose track of the hours as you research!)*

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The FamilySearch Research Wiki has an article describing the Ortssippenbücher:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Town_Genealogies_and_Parish_Register_Inventories_on_the_Internet

And a special thank you to Gwenna Jacobson for providing me with a link to the St. Louis County Library that has hundreds of OSBs in their collection. You can find more information, including a complete list of OSBs in their collection, a request form for lookups, and a list of terms used:

https://www.slcl.org/content/ortssippenb%C3%BCcher-familienb%C3%BCcher-held-history-and-genealogy-department OR, a shorter URL https://tinyurl.com/dx3h8naa

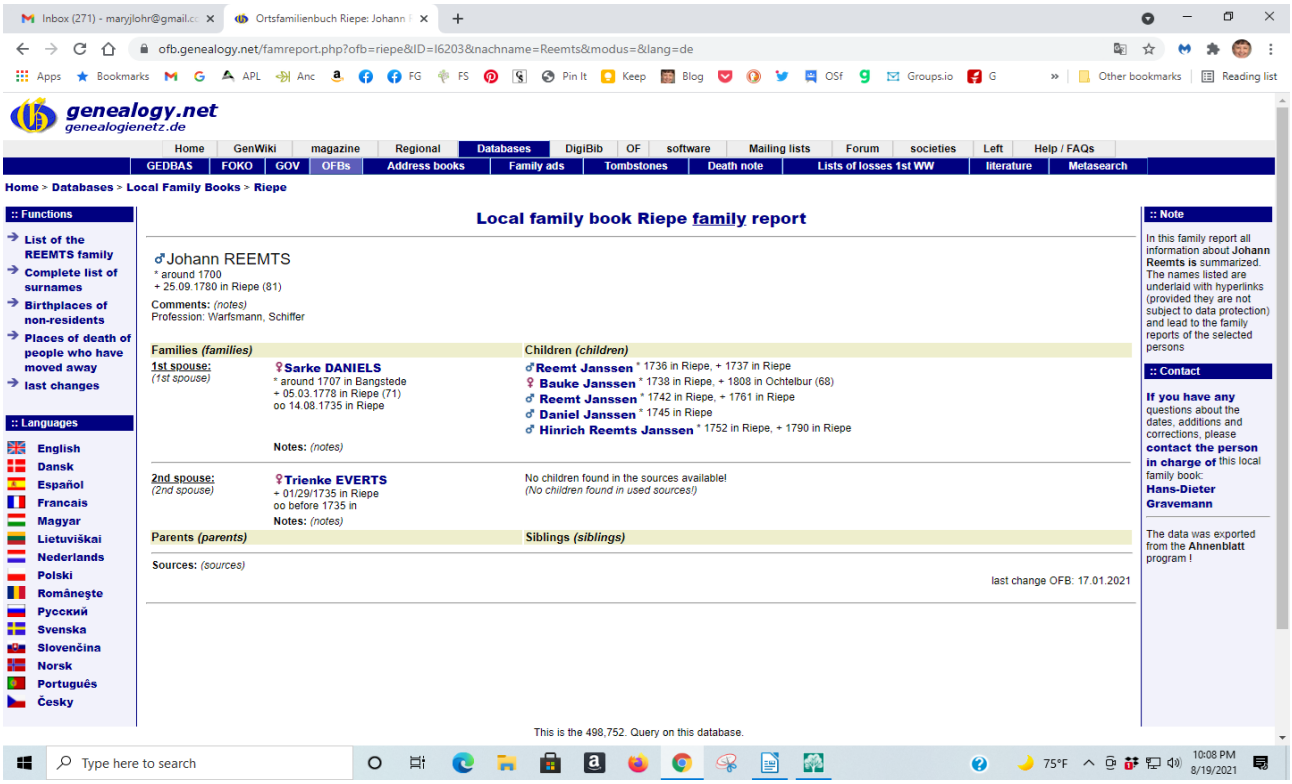
If you have European ancestry, the St. Louis County Library website is worth checking! *(The same Disclaimer about time applies!)*

Although this tale doesn't have an ending of "they lived happy ever after," it does end with a lot of ancestral information-- and that makes for a happy ending!

This tale actually has another happy conclusion: Dee Lindaman, the librarian mentioned above, is actually a cousin of mine. We discovered this relationship through research and records in the Simonswolde OSB!

Please note: while the books are considered a secondary source, they can be an invaluable tool for international research. Enjoy the journey!

Below is the entry for my fifth great-grandfather Johann Reemts (1700-1785) from the online version of the Reipe (Germany) OSB:



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Home > Databases > Local Family Books > Riepe

Local family book Riepe family report

♂Johann REEMTS
* around 1700
+ 25.09.1780 in Riepe (81)
Comments: *(notes)*
Profession: Warfsmann, Schiffer

Families *(families)*	Children *(children)*
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2nd spouse: *(2nd spouse)* ♀Trienke EVERTS, + 01/29/1735 in Riepe, oo before 1735 in; Notes: *(notes)*	No children found in the sources available! *(No children found in used sources!)*
Parents *(parents)*	Siblings *(siblings)*

Sources: *(sources)*

last change OFB: 17.01.2021

This is the 498,752. Query on this database.

SCGS Word Search #34 – Iowa State Parks, Recreation Areas & Forests (#2)

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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NineEagles	PrairieRose	Stephens	VikingLake	WilsonIsland
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President's Message

Our hybrid September meetings went fairly well. Good to see everyone, either in person or on Zoom. Genealogy Plus had some kinks to work out but Paul went with the flow and as always, was very informative. Good to know that it was recorded thru the library and can go back and watch again. We had several people come and ask questions at our Help Session.

I had a Great Aunt pass away last week. She was special to me because I was her flower girl many, many years ago. Her daughter has been going back and forth about genealogy for several years now. We usually get together when she comes back to Iowa from Virginia, and lately we have been visiting Cemeteries. Made many discoveries while talking and searching gravesites. As you know, I have a big fascination for cemeteries.

Looking forward to our October meetings and hopefully Covid will subside and more of us will feel comfortable to meet in person. Until then I am thankful for all the technology available and those who know how to use it.

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday October 11, 2021
6:30 PM
At Ames Public Library and also via Zoom
"Brick Walls" discussion
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Genealogy Plus!
Wednesday October 20, 2021
10:00 AM - Noon
At Ames Public Library and also via Zoom
"Stories in the Stones"
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Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday October 27, 2021
10:00 AM – Noon
Help Session
At Ames Public Library and also via Zoom
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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes September 13, 2021

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:36 p.m. Twenty-eight people participated.

Minutes of the May 2021 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the August financial report via a shared screen on Zoom. He asked how he could share the image of the report if he attends the meeting at the library. Nancy replied that she would have to look into that.

Librarian Malvina Lutz has five or six possible book titles for next year's purchase request. She is looking at new publications and taking suggestions. Dick Cooper suggested easy-to-read books about citing sources. Malvina will look into that.

Lyle Hammes, vice-president for programming, announced that this month's Genealogy Plus topic will be immigration. It will be presented at the Ames Public Library and also live via Zoom. Registration is not needed if attending in person. Those wishing to view via Zoom need to register through the library website.

Nancy announced that a help session will be offered on Wednesday, September 22nd from 10:00 a.m. until Noon at the library. She also informed the group that she is looking for a nominating committee and noted that the board is considering raising society dues to $20.00 per year. Dick asked what the structure will be-- the same amount for individual and family? Nancy replied that it would be $20.00 for individual and $25.00 for family. There were no comments offered by members. A proposal will be formally presented at a future meeting.

Lyle will be sending an email to the group about next month's society meeting. It will be a member driven open forum on research brick walls. He encouraged members to be thinking about questions they could bring to the group for discussion.

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The evening's program was presented via Zoom from the Ames Family History Center by Annette and Jim Anderegg, co-directors of the center. Located at 2524 Hoover Avenue, the center is open at no cost to anyone interested in genealogical and family history research. It is open on Tuesdays from Noon – 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Other times are available by appointment.

Information was shared about the history of the center. Current resources available were highlighted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Submitted by Annette Anderegg, secretary

Ames Public Library

The Ames Public Library has announced that Ancestry Library Edition will continue to be available via remote access until December 31, 2021. You'll need a library card to access the database. For assistance on using Ancestry Library Edition check the SCGS website (storygenes.com) or call the Ames Public Library at 515-239-5646.

This is great news for genealogy researchers who can continue to use this database from the comfort of their home.

Mary J. Lohr, Web Manager

Comments Made in the Year 1957

"If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a haircut, forget it."

"I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."

"No one can afford to be sick anymore; $35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday October 11, 2021
In-Person Meeting at Library and also via Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

Open Discussion About Your "Brick Walls"

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday October 20, 2021
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Registration link for Zoom:
https://amespubliclibrary.org/events/genealogy-plus-15
10:00 am

"Stories in the Stones" – Tales They Tell

Cemeteries and be a treasure trove of genealogical information. Dick Cooper has worked with the website Find a Grave for years and found it to be an excellent source of general information. Jim Lohr has photographed over 35,000 gravestones for the website BillionGraves. Together they tell you how web sites like these can help you in your own research.

Presenters: Dick Cooper and Jim Lohr

Genealogy and Computer Help Session
Wednesday October 27, 2021
Ames Public Library
10:00 am

This is an opportunity to get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Bring your questions and we'll try to help you find answers or ideas for further research.

This session is informal and no appointment is needed.

Family Search Completes Film Digitization

Family Search announced recently the completion of the digitization of their microfilm collection--all 2.4 million rolls of them! Many genealogy researchers remember well the days of borrowing a microfilm from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and waiting, sometimes not so patiently, for the film to be delivered to their closest Family History Center. Then it was a matter of finding time in the available hours to view the film, hoping to make genealogy discoveries while cranking the film on the reader.

The microfilm loan program came to an end in 2017 as FamilySearch ramped up the digitization, a process that was expected to take some years' time. But as the digitizing of films progressed, the images were made available online free of charge.

Some images can be viewed at home via FamilySearch.org, but due to contractual agreements with custodians of the records some of the images can only be viewed at the Family History Center or an affiliate library. The good news is that the Ames Public Library (and many public and research libraries) is an affiliate library!

Not all the images have been indexed (yet) but the unindexed images can be browsed.

(The Family Search microfiche collection is a work in progress and may be out-sourced for digitization.)

Making the digitized records more easily accessible to genealogy researchers is a definite milestone!

ERICSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Ericson Public Library is located at 702 Greene Street, Boone, Iowa 50036. The library's email is ericson@boone.lib.ia.us and it's Internet home page is https://www.boone.lib.ia.us. Their telephone number is 515-432-3727 and their hours are located in this article. The Ericson Public Library has many resources of interest to many people. Please visit their website above to see the many options. Following is at article from Jamie Williams, Director of the library.

The Ericson Public Library has an extensive collection of genealogical materials including local family histories, cemetery records, and other items of interest. The genealogy collection, located in the Fireplace Room and in the stacks, contains basic "how-to" books that can be checked out as well as non-circulating research material. Staff has worked on creating three-ring notebooks which contain clippings of birth, death and marriage notices from local newspapers, as well as cemetery records. These go back to the late 1970's and are indexed so make finding the information easy. However, the library does have Boone newspapers on microfilm back to the 1880s. They are only partially indexed.

Our library also has created a finding aid of Boone County History that lists all our Boone County holdings such as books, reference, plat maps, and cemetery information. This is available online to peruse at your convenience from our website. The library staff are not genealogy researchers. Librarians can show patrons where the information is and how to access it, but cannot do the research. If you have a known date, librarians will email you a copy of the article at no cost.

The library also has *Trail Tales*, a journal of Boone County history, published by Boone County Historical Society since 1969. These are located behind the desk as a reference item that cannot be checked out. A special thanks to Suzanne S. Caswell for providing the library with an author, issue and subject index to the issues and allowing us to provide this online for better access.

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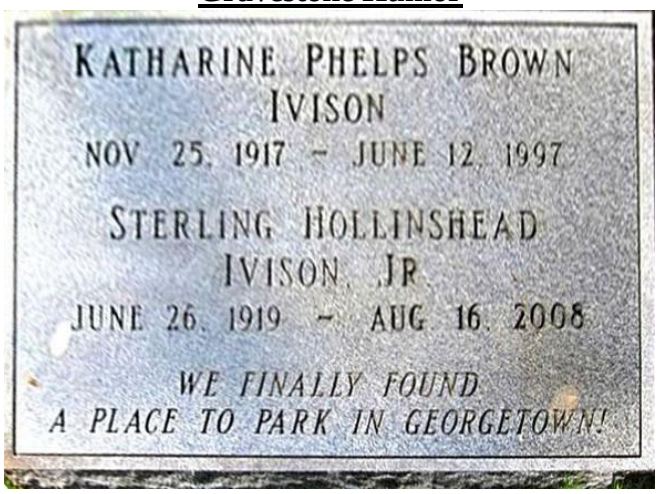
The library's online resources include AncestryLibrary which is in-library use only, but allows you to access billions of genealogical records. They also subscribe to Newsbank which includes access to over 5000 newspapers from across the world, but also includes Boone News and Republican. If none of these resources are familiar or you are a novice the library also have Niche Academy which will provide you training on how to use these resources as well as a course on how to do genealogical research!

And last but not least the library provides a lot of programming on a variety of topics including history. Most programs are online, and the library had a genealogical workshop every month that met in person, but haven't met since covid. Interested parties are invited to reach out to our adult programming librarian, Candy Noelck to gather additional programming ideas! The library welcomes visitors and will help assist you in any way they can. Their hours are Monday-Tuesday 9am-8pm, Wednesday-Friday 9am-6pm and Saturdays 9am-1pm. You can find them online at: www.boone.lib.ia.us or calling them at 515-432-3727.

Submitted by:
Jamie Williams, Director
Ericson Public Library - Boone, Iowa

Gravestone Humor



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It's nice to see that people can have humor about their own mortality. This couple joked on their headstone about how impossible it is to find parking in Georgetown. Traffic issues are something that most of us can relate to.

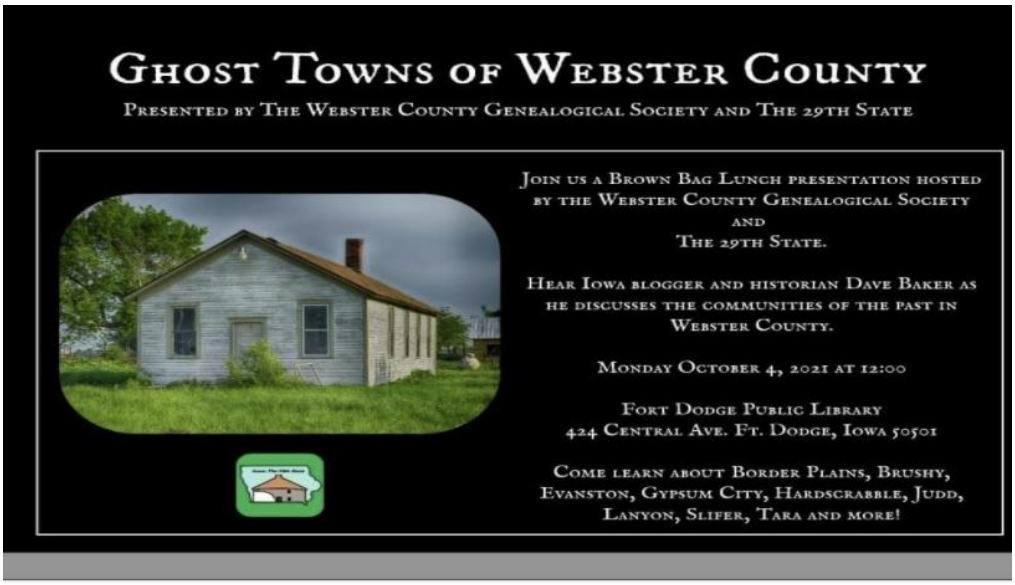
Read About Another SCGS Officer – Malvina Lutz

Malvina Hart Lutz ~ I'm a Midwestern native from Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois just south of the Wisconsin state line. I have one brother, love cats, sunflowers, and anything 'heart' shaped. I've lived in four states, raised a family, and am a survivor. At age 13 in eighth grade, I found myself in the wrong place at the wrong time! All because I accepted a ride, for the first time, with a neighborhood classmate from the junior high school instead of just walking home in the rain. First, we rode clear across town to pick up her sister at the high school, with no way to tell my mom where I was. It was Friday, April 21, 1967. The rain changed to a dark storm approaching from the west. Then at 3:50pm Belvidere High School was hit by an F4 tornado just as school let out and the buses were loading! We ran from the car pickup line into the school to an area with no windows just before it hit. Twenty-four were killed. I survived, unhurt, my parents somehow found me, but I had tornado nightmares for decades.

I married my high school sweetheart in 1975, worked as an executive secretary in three banks while he attended the University of Illinois, then grad school at the University of Michigan. We have four children: Roger, lives in Boone, IA; Sarah - Denver, CO; Jonathan - Houston, TX; and Laura - Spring, TX. They have added 11 grandchildren to our Family Tree! Son Jonathan is a Robotics Engineer at NASA/Houston! His team is building robots and vehicles to be used on the Moon and Mars!

While staying home raising the kids, I volunteered in their school libraries, and the public library. Later, as a single Grandma, I worked for nine years as a library circulation clerk at Helen Hall Library in League City, Texas south of Houston. I retired in 2018, said goodbye to yearly hurricane season after 'hunkered down' three times for Hurricanes Rita, Ike, and Harvey. I left Texas after 28 years, and moved up north to Ames, Iowa. **Back to the Midwest!**

Currently I serve as Librarian for the Story County Genealogical Society. I've been researching my genealogy for over 25 years, with heritage lines from England, Ireland, the Netherlands, and Iowa roots. I'm named after my paternal grandmother who was born in Plainfield, Bremer County, Iowa. Researching surnames: Cronk, Hawes, Hartin, Mitchell, and Evans.



This Facebook ad appeared recently. Dave Baker presented "Ghost Towns of Story County" last October. In keeping with his Halloween-time theme, he's now presenting "Ghost Towns of Webster County". It's being held October 4th, 2021 at 12 PM at the Fort Dodge Public Library at 424 Central Ave, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501.

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Ghost Towns of Webster County, Iowa

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FALL CONFERENCE - IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Education committee is excited to announce the **Fall Conference** being held virtually via Zoom.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8TH

CYNDI INGLE OF CYNDI'S LIST
Cyndi's List in Practice
Advanced Googling for your grandma
Plotting , Scheming and Mapping Online
African American Migration to Iowa presenter Ricki King

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9TH

DIAHAN SOUTHARD OF YOUR DNA GUIDE
Me and My 1000+ DNA 4th Cousins
Three Next Steps for your DNA Test Results
Genetic Genealogy: Behind the Curtain
FamilySearch Update with Ron Tanner

Member's cost :
$45.00 for one day and $80.00 for both days.
Non-Member's cost:
$65.00 one day and $125 for both days.

- Limited in-person sitting will be available at the library.
- Please contact IGS@iowagenealogy.org to check for availability.
- You will be responsible for your own lunch if you attend at the library
- Register at: https://igs.regfox.com/fall-conference

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

October – Global Diversity Awareness Month
October – National Disability Employment Awareness Month
October – National Energy Awareness Month
October 4 – Frances Xavier Cabrini Day
October 4 – Child Health Day
October 9 – Leif Erikson Day
October 10 – Chicago Marathon
October 11 – Columbus Day
October 11 – Fraternal Day (Alabama)
October 11 – Yorktown Victory Day (Virginia)
October 11 – Discoverers' Day (Hawaii)
October 11 – Native American Day (Okla. & SD)
October 11 – Indigenous Peoples Day (Tentative)
October 11 – American Indian Heritage Day (Ala.)
October 11 – Boston Marathon (Tentative Date)
October 13 – Navy Birthday
October 15 – White Cane Safety Day
October 15 – Boss's Day
October 16 – Sweetest Day (13 States)
October 18 – Alaska Day
October 29 – Nevada Day (Not Nevada, Iowa)
October 31 – Halloween
November 2 – Election Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

What Is White Cane Safety Day October 15, 2021

White Cane Safety Day is a national observance in the United States, celebrated on October 15 of each year since 1964. The date is set aside to celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired and the important symbol of blindness and tool of independence, the white cane.

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the first White Cane Safety Day.

In 2011, White Cane Safety Day was also named **Blind Americans Equality Day.**

Did you know …

You have two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen 2nd great-grandparents, thirty-two 3rd great-grandparents, sixty-four 4th great-grandparents, one hundred twenty-eight 5th great-grandparents, two hundred fifty-six 6th great-grandparents, five hundred twelve 7th great-grandparents, one thousand twenty-four 8th great-grandparents, and two thousand forty-eight 9th great-grandparents.

Of course, "pedigree collapse" may account for some duplicates along the way, but by any count that's a lot of ancestors. And it does not even take into account the collateral relatives (siblings, cousins, aunt, uncles).

So now when your friends ask if you've "finished" your genealogy research you'll know why the research (and the fun) is ongoing! There is always another generation of ancestors to explore.

(Per Wikipedia: In genealogy, pedigree collapse describes how reproduction between two individuals who share an ancestor causes the number of distinct ancestors in the family tree of their offspring to be smaller than it could otherwise be.)

Editor's Desk (I cleaned it, still a mess)

Well, once again I say thank you for the input of information from the SCGS members. Shout out to everyone who helped with this newsletter with articles.

I have to give extra KUDOS to Jamie Williams, Director of the Ericson Public Library in Boone. The article contains a lot of genealogy information and if another article from Ericson Public Library contains other information, we will publish that also. Other libraries are also free to send additional information about their libraries, even if I have published them previously.

On September 15th, Dr. Paul Lasley spoke extensively about the stories of your ancestors in relation to immigration and migration. I hope that this gave everyone some ideas for your own ancestor's stories.

Dick

Update on Zoom Meetings

With the return to meetings at the Ames Public Library this fall, SCGS is attempting to do hybrid meetings. a combination of in-person and online meetings. We're using a device called an Owl which is supplied by the library. The Owl captures audio and video from the person speaking and transmits it via the Zoom meeting link to viewers at home.

The system isn't perfect and we're still learning how to use it effectively. However, the advantage is that it facilitates meeting attendance both at the library and to members at home.

And, yes, the Owl really does say "Who, who" when it is first set up and turned on!

Another update involves the meeting link sent to members. *Starting with the October 11 meeting, the link will be the same for future Monday night SCGS meetings.* Members will still receive meeting reminders with the link.

Suggestion: you can save the link to your desktop or Google, Yahoo, or Outlook calendar and then simply click it to join the meeting.

This link will only be for the SCGS Monday evening meetings. Genealogy Plus is handled by the Ames Public Library and will continue to have a unique link for each online meeting. Help sessions are open to everyone.

Don't Forget To Vote On November 2nd

Brick Walls

Have you hit a dead end in your genealogy research? Are you stuck and unsure where to turn to next? Have you seemingly exhausted all of your resources? You're not alone! All genealogists from time to time hit the proverbial "brick wall". Sometimes you just need a little guidance or encouragement to keep at it. The easiest way to do this is to share your brick wall stories, both the ones you've solved and the ones you haven't. On Monday, October 11th, SCGS members will have an opportunity to do just that. We will conduct a members-driven open forum discussion. You may hear a new tip to consider. You may have a suggestion to help guide someone else. Or, you may just get a little more inspiration to seek a few new leads. Please bring your "brick walls" stories to share with others. We ask that you be concise in presenting your scenario and then open it up for discussion. You may not identify your 3rd-great grandfather that night, but if people at least walk away with a little inspiration or new ideas, then it's been a success.

The best news of all is that behind every "brick wall" is a new discovery waiting to happen. Come join us on October 11th at 6:30 pm.
(Zoom meeting link will be sent closer to the meeting date.)

Thank You to Lyle Hammes for submitting this article

Things My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me **ESP**. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

My mother taught me **HUMOR**. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me **HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT**. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me **FORESIGHT**. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me **IRONY**. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

EATING IN THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in these days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came from the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties was elbows, hats and cell phones.

Iowa Colleges & Universities - SCGS Word Search #35

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers at Word Search Answers on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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ALLEN	CORNELL	FAITH	LORAS	SIMPSON
ASHFORD	DMACC	GRACELAND	LUTHER	UNI
BRIARCLIFF	DESMOINES	GRANDVIEW	MAHARISHI	UPPERIOWA
BUENAVISTA	DIVINEWORD	GRINNELL	MORNINGSIDE	WALDORF
CENTRAL	DORDT	IOWA	MOUNTMERCY	WARTBURG
CLARKE	DRAKE	IOWASTATE	NIACC	WILLIAMPENN

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____Birthday: ____/____/_____

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Please go to www.storygenes.com and select the first option (Home). Then scroll down to "**Membership**" and you will be guided through the payment process.

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President's Message

Doesn't seem possible that October is almost over. Time seems to go by faster all the time. My mother used to say that days goes by so fast that pretty soon she wouldn't have to get out of bed. Genealogy can take up lots of time, good time - learning, helping others or breaking brick walls. This keeps me going. There are always new things to learn and a question to answer. Because as you know, one question is answered and then you have many more questions to answer. There are always many more pieces of the puzzle to put together. It is always rewarding to help someone else find a piece of their puzzle or break their brick wall. Genealogists are always willing to share.

I got a request for obituaries for a family who are buried in the Midvale Cemetery. Now I think most of you know that I am fascinated with cemeteries. I have driven by that cemetery for years and I never stopped, but I will. During a conversation the other day, someone said they had stopped and the family who live behind it came out and offered to help her find a gravesite. Now how cool it that.

I have rambled on long enough. Hope to see everyone at our annual meeting in November or Genealogy Plus, either by Zoom or in person.

Nancy

Editor's Note: Don't forget that the November 8th meeting is also the SCGS Annual Meeting for the election of officers and other major, important business.

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday November 8, 2021
6:30 PM
Ames Public Library and Members via Zoom
Annual Meeting + "Show and Tell"
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Genealogy Plus!
Wednesday November 17, 2021
10:00 AM - Noon
At Ames Public Library and also via Zoom
"Central Iowa Norwegians"
See Page 3

Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday November 24, 2021
10:00 AM – Noon
Help Session
At Ames Public Library
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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes October 11, 2021

In Person at Ames Public Library and via Zoom

The meeting began under the direction of President Nancy Long at 6:30 p.m. Twenty-four people participated – nine at the library and fifteen via Zoom.

Minutes of the September 2021 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the September financial report.

Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that a couple of people have given her additional book suggestions and she is still taking requests. Ideas may be emailed to her through the society's web page.

Nancy announced that Genealogy Plus this month will be presented by Dick Cooper and Jim Lohr. They will talk about the stories grave stones can tell. A help session will be offered on Wednesday, October 27 th from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the library.

Nancy noted that she is looking for volunteers for both the nominating and the audit committees. She also informed the group that a vote on raising society membership dues to $20.00 per year will take place at the annual meeting in November. In addition to that proposal members were asked to think about when the change should take effect.

The evening's program was an open forum about brick walls in genealogical research. Discussion and information sharing centered on the following topics
(Quoted below) developed by Lyle Hammes, vice president--programming:

1) What defines a brick wall?
2) Who has methods they'd like to share when they're facing a genealogy brick wall?
3) Who has success stories?
4) Who's currently stuck at a wall and looking for ideas/assistance?
5) For thought: It's sometimes best to just "walk away" from the wall rather than beat your head against it. Things may sort themselves out later as new resources or ideas come to you.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.
Submitted by Annette Anderegg, secretary

Ames Public Library

The Ames Public Library has announced that Ancestry Library Edition will continue to be available via remote access until December 31, 2021. You'll need a library card to access the database. For assistance on using Ancestry Library Edition check the SCGS website (storygenes.com) or call the Ames Public Library at 515-239-5646.

This is great news for genealogy researchers who can continue to use this database from the comfort of their home.

Mary J. Lohr, Web Manager

Topix Offbeat/ Pinterest

Being able to be honest with oneself is a great thing, even if it took you until death to get there. We all make mistakes, which makes this joke relatable and hilarious. The pun of being metaphorically in the hole, with money, and literally in one, the grave, drives the punchline home.

What adds to the humor is that the headstone is flush with the ground, rather than sitting upright. So, literally, the words themselves are in the hole.

Comments Made in the Year 1957

"If they raise the minimum wage to $1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

"If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."

"Marriage doesn't mean a thing anymore; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday November 8, 2021
In-Person Meeting at Library and also via Zoom
Zoom meeting link to be sent to members
6:30 pm

Annual Meeting – Election of Officers, etc.

Genealogy Plus
Wednesday November 17, 2021
In-Person Meeting at Library and also Zoom
Registration link for Zoom:
https://amespubliclibrary.org/events/genealogy-plus-24
10:00 am

"The Central Iowa Norwegians"

Arlen Twedt, author of **The Central Iowa Norwegians**, will be interviewed by his editor (and wife!), Asta. They will discuss how he got started writing, why he decided to self-publish, and why it took so long to complete. All of Arlen's ancestors were Norwegian immigrants who settled on farms near Roland. Arlen began learning their stories and the general history of the Central Iowa Norwegians. After completing the family history, Arlen continued to research the history of the Norwegian settlements.

Presenter: Arlen Twedt

Genealogy and Computer Help Session
Wednesday November 24, 2021
Ames Public Library
10:00 am

This is an opportunity to get some help and advice on your genealogy research. Bring your questions and we'll try to help you find answers or ideas for further research.

This session is informal and no appointment is needed.

Daylight Saving Time Explained

Daylight saving time (**DST**), also known as **daylight savings time** or **daylight time** (United States, Canada and Australia), and **summer time** (United Kingdom, European Union, and some others), is the practice of advancing clocks (typically by one hour) during warmer months so that darkness falls at a later clock time. The typical implementation of DST is to set clocks forward by one hour in the spring ("spring forward") and set clocks back by one hour in autumn ("fall back") to return to standard time. As a result, there is one 23-hour day in late winter or early spring and one 25-hour day in the autumn.

The idea of aligning waking hours to daylight hours to conserve candles was first proposed in 1784 by American Benjamin Franklin. In a satirical letter to the editor of *The Journal of Paris*, the American inventor suggested that waking up earlier in the summer would economize candle usage and calculated considerable savings.

Starting on April 30, 1916, the German Empire and Austria-Hungary each organized the first nationwide implementation in their jurisdictions. Many countries have used DST at various times since then, particularly since the 1970s energy crisis. DST is generally not observed near the equator, where sunrise and sunset times do not vary enough to justify it. Some countries observe it only in some regions: for example, parts of Australia observe it, while other parts do not. The United States observes it, except for the states of Hawaii and Arizona. (Within the latter, however, the Navajo Nation does observe it, conforming to national practice). A minority of the world's population uses DST; Asia and Africa generally do not observe it.

DST clock shifts sometimes complicate timekeeping and can disrupt travel, billing, record keeping, medical devices, and sleep patterns. Computer software generally adjusts clocks automatically

Gain 1 hour in November 2021

Information from Wikipedia. For more information go to: Daylight saving time - Wikipedia

Iowa's 175th Anniversary

On December 28, 2021, Iowa will mark a major milestone: 175 years of statehood. So, throughout 2021, the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs invites Iowans of all ages to learn more about the people and places that have shaped the land for more than 13,000 years.

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs empowers Iowa to build and sustain culturally vibrant communities by connecting Iowans to the people, places and points of pride that define our state.

Iowa's statewide celebration of art, history, film and culture is back!

You won't want to miss the 10th annual celebration featuring Iowa cuisine, music, entertainment and, of course, Iowans like you! We hope you'll join us.

Friday, December 10
6 - 7 p.m. VIP Reception
7 - 11 p.m. Celebrate Iowa Gala
Scottish Rite Consistory, Des Moines
519 Park Street
(Contact Us - Des Moines Scottish Rite ConsistoryDes Moines Scottish Rite Consistory (dmscottishrite.org))

You can find more information at the following websites:

www.Iowa.gov
Iowa's 175th Anniversary | IDCA (iowaculture.gov)

Meet SCGS Member Dee Lindaman

interviewed by Mary J. Lohr

You may have seen her via Zoom at an SCGS meeting or program, used her considerable knowledge and help researching at the Wellsburg Public Library, or remember when she and her husband presented a program for SCGS a few years ago. That person is Dee Lindaman who grew up in Grundy County, Iowa, and is named after her grandmother Siebeldina Krull. Officially her name is Dena, but to all who know her she is "Dee."

She attended a one-room country school house through the third grade. The country school was then closed and she rode the bus to Grundy Center. After graduation she attend Gates Business College in Waterloo and then worked for Grundy County Farm Bureau Insurance and later for Grundy County Farm Bureau.

It was through mutual friends that she met Warren Lindaman, her future husband. They were married in 1959 and have four children, eleven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Dee has all of these entered into her family tree, a database that extends back to 1555 in the northern part of Germany known as Ostfriesen.

Dee has traveled to Germany about five times and made many connections there. She has stayed in the guest house of distant relatives and also had tea in her Grandmother Siebeldina Bootsmann Krull's house in Simonswolde. Truly a rare genealogy experience! She has visited the Reformed Church in Simoswolde where her great-grandparents Ayelt Evers (Buss) and Antje Ayelts in the 1700s donated 700 gulden to begin the fund for a new organ. The organ is still used today.

Dee grew up speaking Platdeutsch, or Low-German, the language of the Ostfriesen area. Once spoken extensively throughout the Grundy County area, the language is now not heard as often. She and Warren are one of a number of residents in the Wellsburg area who still know it.

Dee and Warren lived for thirty-seven years on a farm in German Township in Grundy County. Their son Greg and his wife Kim now reside on that Century Farm, a designation Dee obtained by doing the research and submitting the required paper work. In that process she discovered that spelling of names varied widely: Berend spelled the Lindaman name with two a's and Martha with an e and an a. Most genealogy researchers can certainly identify with these spelling inconsistencies!

Dee's interest in genealogy grew when the Wellsburg area hosted Ostfriesen tour groups in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Warren and Dee also hosted a couple who could not speak English and Dee describes her own and Warren's Platt as "rusty." But the guest from Ostfriesen said, "We'll use our hands and feet to get along." And so, they did! Later the son of this couple, and his wife, spent time with Warren and Dee, and finally their granddaughter was an exchange student in the area.

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Dee and Warren are also charter members of the Ostfriesen Heritage Society, formed in 1995. The impetus was a musical "Achter de Sunn – Der Weg Nach Iowa."

Dee worked at the Wellsburg Public Library for twenty-five years and became a certified librarian. Today that Library is home to a fantastic collection of "Ortsippenbuch (OSB)." With about 165 total volumes, the books are a research destination for anyone tracking their ancestry in the northern part of Germany. Dee is the "OSB Specialist" and often helps researchers understand how to use these books.

Dee served as East Friesland Church Secretary and Receipts Treasurer for many years. She did extensive church research in preparing for the 150th Anniversary of the Church which was held in 2015.

If you see Dee, be sure to ask her about the time she and another member of SCGS researched the names of a tombstone found in a road side ditch!

TOP TEN GENEALOGIST PROBLEMS

1. Forgets to eat for two days when a new archive goes live.
2. Is that a "T" or an "F"?
3. Spent three weeks researching the wrong Smith.
4. Accidentally told Grandma she's adopted.
5. Have to plan vacations around cemetery hours.
6. Gets along better with dead relatives than live ones.
7. It's an "F". It needs to be a "T" or the research is wrong.
8. Census takers who were taught to write by chickens.
9. Non-hoarding distant relatives.
10. Fire phobias.

Don't Forget to Vote on November 2nd

Holidays and Other Reasons to Celebrate

November – National Aviation History Month
November – National Family Caregivers Month
November 1 – First Day of Native American Heritage Month
November 2 – Election Day
November 7 – New York City Marathon
November 7 – Daylight Saving Time ends
November 8 – National STEM Day
November 8 – Barack Obama Day (Alabama)
November 10 – Marine Corps Birthday
November 11 – Veterans Day (All except MA & WY)
November 15 – America Recycles Day
November 15-19 – Geography Awareness Week
November 25 – Thanksgiving
November 26 – State Holiday (Georgia)
November 26 – Presidents' Day (New Mexico)
November 26 – Lincoln's Birthday/Lincoln's Day (Indiana)
November 26 – Day After Thanksgiving (22 states)
November 26 – Black Friday
November 26 – American Indian Heritage Day (WA)
November 29 – Cyber Monday

There are many other religious and regional holidays to celebrate in August. For worldwide holidays and observances: https://www.Timeanddate.com/holidays/ .

Some of the observances are provided on the US Census website: Stats for Stories (census.gov).

National Aviation History Month: November 2021

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According to the Government Printing Office, "National Aviation History Month is dedicated to exploring, recognizing and celebrating America's great contributions and achievements in the development of aviation. Aviation history refers to the history of development of mechanical flight — from the earliest attempts in kites and gliders to powered heavier-than-air, supersonic and space flights."

Source: National Aviation History Month: November 2021 (census.gov)

[At the October Genealogy Plus meeting, Jim Lohr talked about his experience photographing 35,000 tombstones in Ames and Story County, Iowa. This article provides additional information on using the BillionGraves app and website.]

Using BillionGraves for Genealogy

by Mary J. Lohr

If you've spent time trying to find a tombstone or grave marker in a cemetery of any size then you know it can be a daunting task. it can be a daunting task. You might be able to get assistance from the sexton or cemetery maps but those are not always available. Another tool is a software program called BillionGraves which uses GPS coordinates to record the location of images taken of tombstones.

The app, which is free, is available in both the Google Play Store (for Android system phones) and the Apple Store (for iPhones). Volunteers can use the app to take photographs of tombstones when they visit a cemetery. The images are uploaded to the BillionGraves.com site and are available for volunteers to transcribe.

The search feature at the BillionGraves.com website is relatively easy to use. A surname is the only required term on the search form, but adding a location and year of birth or death will narrow the number of results. If a match to the search is found, an image of the tombstone is displayed. If you scroll down the webpage, you may find links to other indexed records such as census, birth, marriage and other records. These records are often from the MyHeritage.com website, a partner site of BillionGraves.

Along the side of an image from BillionGraves there is frequently a timeline of major world events and the age of the person at the time of each of these events. This gives the researcher a perspective of history during the lifetime of the person searched.

In addition to a name search, you can also search for a particular cemetery.

A free account is recommended for using the site. If you want to upgrade for some additional features, like priority support, you can purchase a subscription called BillionGraves Plus.

Volunteers are the fuel of the BillionGraves site! Any interested person can either take and upload tombstone photos and/or transcribe uploaded images. There are training videos on the website as well as a description about the procedures. This is an excellent way to give back to the genealogy community.

BillionGraves.com is also connected via social media with accounts on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.

In summary, the BillionGraves phone app is used to take and upload images. It can also guide you to a particular gravestone in a cemetery by using the GPS co-ordinates. The BillionGraves.com website is useful for searching for names and cemeteries, as well as potentially finding additional information.

Tip: the extracted tombstone information from BillionGraves.com is also searchable on FamilySearch.org

Smile Amazon Program Can Benefit SCGS

If you're an Amazon shopper there is a way you can contribute (painlessly) to the Story County Genealogical Society. The program is called Smile Amazon. For each dollar you spend on an eligible Amazon purchase, a per cent is donated to your designated non-profit charity.

There is no increase in cost to you, but your purchase does help SCGS if you choose to do so.

To participate, just go to smile.amazon.com and sign up. Choose "Story County Chapter of the Iowa Genealogical Society" as the charity and you are all set. Then each time you make a purchase at Amazon, remember to begin at smile.amazon.com.

Donations are distributed quarterly (with a five-dollar minimum), and in the past the Smile Amazon donations have helped offset the commission SCGS pays for PayPal transactions. Or, as one SCGS member said, "A dollar is a dollar." And every dollar generated by this Smile Amazon program is a big help to SCGS. Thank you for your support!

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is the American holiday when people who had served in the military during war-time are remembered and thanked. It is both a federal and a state holiday. The holiday is celebrated on the same day as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other countries. These holidays are all November 11. This is the day seen as the end of World War I – November 11, 1919.

Congress voted to make it an annual observance in 1926, and it was upgraded to a national holiday in 1938. But it wasn't until 1954 that President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the bill changing the day's name to Veterans Day.

Definition of Veterans Day. : November 11 is set aside in commemoration of the end of hostilities in 1918 and 1945 and observed as a legal holiday in the U.S. to **honor the veterans of the armed forces**.

Happy Birthday United States Marine Corp

The United States Marine Corps celebrates its birthday on November 10th, honoring the past, ideals, and memories of those who have served and rekindling the connection with Marines' united generations. The day honors the Marine Corps' traditions with reverence, paying homage to this distinguished service's history.

Though this organization was responsible for a variety of tasks in the 1700s, its primary mission was to provide increased defense and assistance to the newly created Continental Navy. This division of the burgeoning US armed forces would eventually grow to just over 2,100 servicemen. The Continental Army, on the other hand, will have a peak of about 80,000 combat troops at any given time. This, along with a November resolution to establish a stand-in official Marine Corps army, was critical in the creation and modernization of what is now the United States Marine Corps.

More information can be found at: Marine Corps Birthday 2021- Things Everyone Should Know (nationaldaystoday.com)

Meaning of Thanksgiving

For many of us, the meaning of Thanksgiving usually includes feasting, four-day weekends, football games, floats, family reunions, or a forerunner to Christmas festivities. The "first Thanksgiving," however, was neither a feast nor a holiday, but a simple gathering. Following the *Mayflower's* arrival at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620, the Pilgrims suffered the loss of 46 of their original 102 colonists. With the help of 91 Indians, the remaining Pilgrims survived the bitter winter and yielded a bountiful harvest in 1621. In celebration, a traditional English harvest festival, lasting three days brought the Pilgrims and natives to unite in a "thanksgiving" observance.

This "thanksgiving" meal would not be celebrated again until June of 1676. It would take a span of over 150 more years to establish Thanksgiving as we celebrate it -- George Washington proclaimed it a national holiday in 1789, Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November in 1863, and Congress sanctioned it as a legal holiday in 1941.

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